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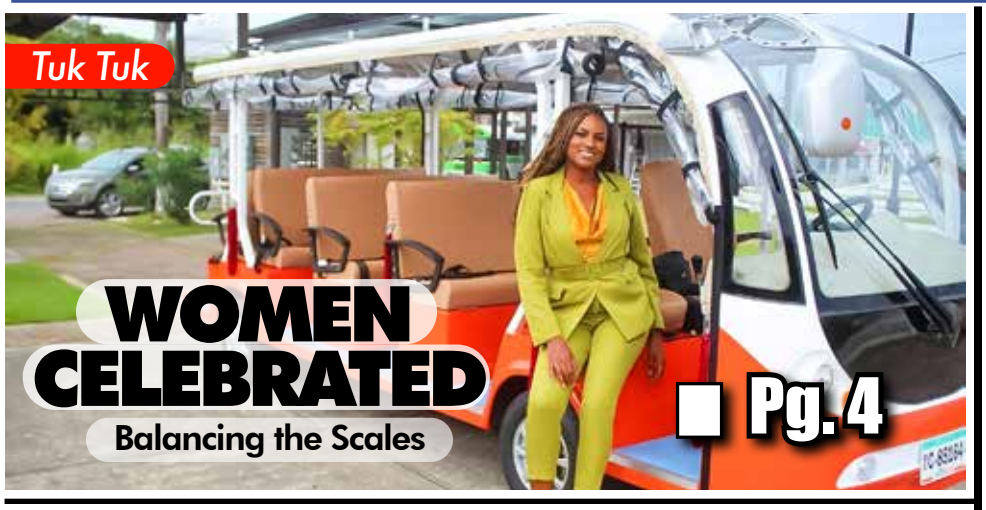

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"Twenty-Five Years in the Making: Fulfilling the Promise of Health for All." Prime Minister Hon. John Briceño at NHI signing

February 19, 2026 – Today, the Government of Belize is officially handing to Minister of Sports Anthony Mahler its first share of the Boledo proceeds as advertised. A first two million dollars will go directly to improvements in national sports. Minister Mahler as a sports enthusiast and success story in Tourism was handed the Sports portfolio to instil a sense of urgency and vision into sports in Belize. We have seen lately how out teen-level teams have achieved winning in Volleyball, Cricket, Track and Field, Basketball and other. We have beaten teams and individuals of more populous nations signalling that our dreams of winning at the higher levels are not impossible. The idea is to continue nurturing these teams into the adult-senior levels to bring more sustainable wins for Belize. They will put emphasis on developmental sports, sports program, sports strategy, sports legislation and upgrading existing program. The idea of course is also to share more resources for infant level progress which should boost our capacity to have even more convincing wins in even more varied games in the future and beyond.

The GoB is advancing a dual investment in national wellbeing—strengthening universal healthcare while continuing financial support for sports and social programs (Official Charities) through proceeds from Fi We Boledo.

At the center of this milestone is the continued expansion of the National Health Insurance of Belize (NHI), a program first piloted on August 9, 2001, in the south side of Belize City. That pilot concluded in February 2002 and was deemed highly successful, with its findings validated by consultants from Cambridge Consulting Company through the Multilateral Investment Fund. What began as a bold experiment has evolved into a nationwide system delivering primary healthcare access to hundreds of thousands of Belizeans.

This week, the government signed contracts with eight additional institutions, expanding coverage to the entire north side of Belize City, Belmopan, San Ignacio, Santa Elena, Benque Viejo del Carmen, and surrounding communities. The move brings an additional 80,000 Belizeans—particularly in the Cayo District—under the NHI umbrella.

Prime Minister John Briceño described the expansion as the culmination of a 25-year journey: *"A bold idea was born in the south side of Belize City… It was the belief that healthcare is not a commodity for the few, but a fundamental right for all Belizeans,"* he said. *"After twenty-five years of running that marathon, we've reached the final critical mile."*

Under the expanded scheme, residents now have access to consultations, chronic disease management, diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, and essential medications at little or no cost. The Prime Minister emphasized that investing in health is directly tied to economic stability, particularly in districts like Cayo that drive agriculture, tourism, business process outsourcing, and commerce.

Minister of Health and Wellness, Kevin Bernard reinforced that the contract signing was more than procedural. *"Primary healthcare remains the backbone of any effective health system,"* Bernard said. *"Through NHI, thousands of Belizeans have benefited from improved access to essential services without the burden of overwhelming out-of-pocket costs."*

The program now operates with more than twenty-two (22) providers nationwide, covering 94,913 people in Belize District, 34,529 in Corozal, 35,600 in Orange Walk, 32,823 in Stann Creek, and 24,200 in Toledo—a total of 222,065 beneficiaries.

Funding for these initiatives is supported in part by Fi We Boledo, operated by Belize Government Lotteries Ltd. Lottery proceeds are channelled into three primary areas: the NHI program, sports development, and the Official Charities Fund. The fund supports social welfare efforts addressing homelessness, child protection, mental health services, and elderly care.

The People's United Party has long positioned universal healthcare as a moral commitment rooted in equality. Prime Minister Briceño acknowledged the foundational leadership of former Prime Minister Said Musa, under whose administration the NHI pilot was launched.

While healthcare remains the flagship investment, the government has also made note of its broader community commitments. In a separate announcement, it confirmed a one-million-dollar contribution toward national sports development, further underscoring its approach to holistic nation-building.

As Belize moves forward, the government says the expansion of NHI and sustained funding through Fi We Boledo represent a strengthened social contract—one that prioritizes dignity, access, and opportunity for every Belizean. Boledo is funding health and hope.

UDP Deprived Belize of Millions from Boledo

The story of Belize's Boledo, how it was high-jacked by elements closely related in a familial way to the former UDP Prime Minister of Belize, and how it was restored to ownership by the Government and People of Belize under this PUP administration, is a classic case of special interest versus national interest. It should not be swept under the rug, and we will ensure that it isn't.

What's worse is that the new leader of the UDP is all wrapped up in the infamous 2020 deal, and we must also ensure that she does not successfully disentangle herself from it as she seeks to convince the nation that she has the credibility and moral authority to become Prime Minister and run the finances of this nation.

The records show that when the contract was renewed for that Brads Gaming Group, in which it is well known, through a convoluted arrangement involving an offshore company registered in the Caribbean, majority ownership was held by a close relative of the former UDP Prime Minister, Tracy Panton was Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Development and Investment with full responsibility for, and direct oversight of the Gaming Control Board.

She herself confessed so in a House Sitting in May 2023 when she stated, *"The Gaming Control Board, Madam Speaker, came under my direct oversight."* She then tried to convince the nation that, in her words, *"No member of that gaming board can ever say that there was ever any interference, ministerial or otherwise, in the review and the awarding of the Brads Gaming Group Limited bid."* She was, of course, denying the obvious, as current Prime Minister John Briceño asserted at the time.

Bear in mind, this is the same Tracy Panton who is now accusing the current Prime Minister of pushing a deal involving a company partly owned by members of his family. It is strange and odd that, according to Tracy Panton, the former UDP Prime Minister could have claimed plausible deniability regarding the infamous Boledo contract awarded and renewed to a company allegedly majority owned by a family member of his, but the current Prime Minister cannot claim the same regarding a consolidation involving a company only minority owned by family members of his. The double standard is glaring.

The records show that Brad's Gaming Company was first awarded the exclusive national lotteries contract under the Dean Barrow administration in 2009, one year after it took office. The company under its new name, Brads Gaming Group Limited, got that contract renewed in June of 2020, only five months before the administration was voted out of office by the Belizean people in landslide fashion. That's when Tracy Panton was admittedly in charge of it.

Amazingly, out of an arrangement that allegedly involved total sales of over 500 million, the Government of Belize was only paid 2 million from annual profits.

The Briceño PUP Government, which came to office in 2020, cancelled that contract in April 2023, due to alleged breaches of the contract by the company involved. Since then, proceeds collected by Government from the profits of the company have reached over 20 Million. Those monies are being invested back into the people and country of Belize mainly through the National Health Insurance (NHI), the Official Charity Fund and Sports.

In upcoming editions of this newspaper, we will continue to chronicle this most sordid deal, how it was concocted and executed, and how it deprived Belize of much needed revenue for the development of our people and nation.

Belize Telemedia's Update on Severance Matter

Belize City, Belize, 26 February 2026: Belize Telemedia Limited ("BTL" or the "Company") hereby confirms that all sums awarded by the Caribbean Court of Justice to the appellants in Erven Marin et al v Belize Telemedia Limited, have been fully paid. The Company also confirms that severance payments have been made to former employees who meet the criteria set out in Section 183 of the Labour Act, and whose employment ended within the past six years.

BTL reassures the public and former employees that BTL continues to act in good faith and in accordance with the law and with full respect for the rule of law. Based on legal advice received, certain claims including severance claims are subject to the six (6) year statutory limitation period. By law, interest is awarded on judgment debts (for the particular litigants) and the award of pre-judgment interest, if any at all, is within the discretion of the court.

However, in the interest of reaching a resolution of outstanding severance claims by statute barred former employees, BTL took the decision to make severance payments to all former employees who qualify under Section 183 of the Labour Act but are now outside the six-year limitation period. BTL engaged in good-faith discussions with the Belize Communications Workers for Justice (BCWJ) in that regard. Despite BTL's best efforts, all negotiations with the BCWJ have broken down and have come to an end.

BTL wishes to inform former employees that it will make severance payments to all qualifying employees (pursuant to section 183 of the Labour Act) (even though statute barred by Section 4 of the Limitation Act), plus interest calculated at 6% per annum from the date of the CCJ judgment in Erven Marin Et al v Belize Telemedia Limited (November 5, 2025) to date of payment.

Invitation for Former Employees

BTL invites all former employees who believe that they qualify for severance payments under Section 183 of the Labour Act to submit their information and details for review, by emailing severance@livedigi.com.

Each submission will be carefully reviewed. Where the statutory criteria at Section 183 of the Labour Act is met, BTL will pay severance payments together with interest calculated at 6% per annum from the date of the CCJ judgment in Erven Marin Et al v Belize Telemedia Limited (November 5, 2025) to date of payment. BTL further commits that once an applicant's qualifying criteria is confirmed, payment will be made within fifteen working (15) days of such confirmation.

BTL confirms its full compliance with the CCJ's judgment and continues to approach this matter with respect for the Court and the rule of law. The Company expresses its appreciation to past employees for their contributions and remains committed to a fair and reasonable resolution.

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EDITORIAL

UDP, CORRUPT TO THE CORE

The UDP corrupts everything. Even as Belizean laws punish concerted bullying and defamatory imputations through traditional and modern avenues, the UDP continues to spread false information as its singular political strategy. This strategy is followed by a few members of the former mass party, the United Democratic Party, represented by Barrow disciples, red media individuals masquerading as journalists, and repeated failures of certain media houses. In relation to the latter, a party media organ is usually open, and its credibility depends on its party faithful and on how truthful its publications appear. But when an "independent" media house obviously sides with one of the parties, then it is dangerous and disrespectful to the public. When an "independent" media house deliberately or inadvertently allows its reporters, anchors, or journalists to favour a political party, its news becomes political editorial. It is disrespectful to viewers who expect unbiased reporting. When an "independent" media house allows a losing party, voted out multiple times, to embed a biased/political reporter or journalist into its fray, then viewers and advertisers need a fine filter to screen out the UDP corruption of the media. Furthermore, this newspaper has repeatedly said that the UDP corrupts everything it touches. It is now actively corrupting some of the "independent" media.

When a media house is repeatedly sued and thus constantly apologises for incorrect or defamatory reporting, its viewers should respond to that recidivist behaviour. This newspaper, for example, has not been in court for some seven years. The public can take that as a testament to the current way information and news are presented to the people. The party faithful does get the truth, including the truth about the UDP remnants and any other attempts to subvert the country's progress. While in power, the UDP compiled a despicable dossier of scandals and corruption. Elections exiled them from leadership in Belize. The few UDP actors that remain are a product of constituency electioneering, with the electoral list padded by dishonestly transferred voters. How shameful and corrupt would you have to be to cram 80 voters into your home? But such is the case in the Albert Division. The UDP corrupts elections.

The nation has viewed the UDP remnants' power-grabbing attempts, including attempts to break in and hold illegal conventions. The nation has observed UDP drunk individuals under the guise of peace protests, attempting to bullrush into closed public buildings. The nation has an Opposition in the House that has instituted heckling as its only strategy—ideas are beyond UDP's skill sets. The nation has seen screenshots of UDP communication that openly and viciously attack each other. The nation has seen an Opposition that, at the last election, could not field 31 candidates. The nation sees the UDP group, which is still covering up 2008-2020 misdeeds without an apology in sight. Probably the most egregious of UDP choices is their support for convicted pedophiles, gang members, fraudsters and their benefactors as they launch a fake assault on the government and Belizean progress. The caution to anyone is to avoid becoming part of the virulent UDP as they fight off extinction.

The above shows the UDP corrupting what it means to be a credible Opposition that can provide a sane check and balance to a government by countering well-thought-out ideas. The above shows how the John Briceño administration, sans a political Opposition, blends maturity in governance with the people's voice as it makes decisions on Belize's development. The people do notice. Proof: the March 2025 general election results show a public that is working and feeling progress in Belize under the PUP. Many definitely feel they have yet to win as individuals. These individuals, however, do see that Belize is winning. In contrast to the UDP, the PUP is, at its core, transparent and accountable, as it does 'Serve the People'. Seguimos muy bien with the PUP, John Briceño, and the team.

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UDP, CORRUPTO HASTA LA MÉDULA

El UDP lo corrompe todo. A pesar de que las leyes de Belice castigan el acoso concertado y las imputaciones difamatorias por vías tradicionales y modernas, el UDP sigue difundiendo información falsa como su única estrategia política. Esta estrategia es seguida por algunos miembros del antiguo partido mayoritario, el Partido Unido Democrático, representados por discípulos de Barrow, por individuos de los medios de comunicación rojos que se hacen pasar por periodistas, y por los repetidos fracasos de ciertos medios de comunicación. En relación con ese último, un órgano de comunicación del partido suele ser abierto y su credibilidad depende de la fidelidad de sus miembros y de la veracidad de sus publicaciones. Pero cuando un medio de comunicación «independiente» se posiciona claramente a favor de uno de los partidos, resulta peligroso e irrespetuoso para el público. Cuando un medio de comunicación «independiente» permite, de forma deliberada o inadvertida, que sus reporteros, presentadores o periodistas favorezcan a un partido político, sus noticias se convierten en editoriales políticos. Es una falta de respeto hacia los espectadores que esperan información imparcial. Cuando un medio de comunicación «independiente» permite que un partido perdedor, rechazado en múltiples ocasiones, incorpore a un reportero o periodista sesgado/político a su equipo, los espectadores y los anunciantes necesitan un filtro fino para descartar la corrupción del UDP en los medios de comunicación. Además, este periódico ha dicho en repetidas ocasiones que el UDP corrompe todo lo que toca. Ahora está corrompiendo activamente a algunos medios de comunicación «independientes».

Cuando un medio de comunicación es demandado repetidamente y, por lo tanto, se disculpa constantemente por reportajes incorrectos o difamatorios, sus espectadores deben responder a ese comportamiento reincidente. Este periódico, por ejemplo, no ha estado ante los tribunales desde hace unos siete años. El público puede tomar eso como un testimonio de la forma en que se presenta actualmente la información y las noticias a la gente. Los fieles al partido obtienen la verdad, incluido sobre los restos del UDP y cualquier otro intento de subvertir el progreso del país. Mientras estuvo en el poder, el UDP acumuló un despreciable historial de escándalos y corrupción. Las elecciones los expulsaron del liderazgo en Belice. Los pocos actores del UDP que quedan son producto de la campaña electoral en las circunscripciones, con la lista electoral rellenada con votantes transferidos de manera deshonesta. ¿Qué grado de vergüenza y corrupción hay que tener para meter a 80 votantes en tu casa? Pero así está en la división de Albert. El UDP corrompe las elecciones.

La nación ha sido testigo de los intentos de los restos del UDP para hacerse con el poder, incluidos los de irrumpir y celebrar convenciones ilegales. La nación ha observado a individuos ebrios del UDP, bajo el pretexto de protestas pacíficas, intentar irrumpir en edificios públicos cerrados. La nación tiene una oposición en la Cámara que ha instituido el abucheo como su única estrategia: las ideas están más allá de las habilidades del UDP. La nación ha visto capturas de pantalla de comunicaciones del partido UDP en las que se atacan abiertamente y con crueldad entre sí. La nación ha visto a una oposición que, en las últimas elecciones, no pudo presentar 31 candidatos. La nación ve al grupo del UDP, que sigue encubriendo las fechorías cometidas entre 2008 y 2020 sin que haya visos de que vaya a pedir disculpas. Probablemente, la decisión más atroz del UDP es su apoyo a pedófilos condenados, a miembros de bandas, a estafadores y a sus benefactores, mientras lanzan un falso ataque contra el Gobierno y el progreso de Belice. La advertencia para cualquiera es que evite formar parte del virulento UDP mientras lucha por no extinguirse.

Lo anterior muestra cómo el UDP corrompe lo que significa ser una oposición creíble que puede proporcionar un control y un equilibrio sensatos al Gobierno, contrarrestando ideas bien pensadas. Lo anterior muestra cómo la administración de John Briceño, sin oposición política, combina la madurez en la gobernanza con la voz del pueblo al tomar decisiones sobre el desarrollo de Belice. La gente se da cuenta. Prueba de ello: los resultados de las elecciones generales de marzo de 2025 muestran que la población trabaja y percibe progreso en Belice bajo el PUP. Sin duda, muchos sienten que aún tienen que ganar como individuos. Sin embargo, estas personas ven que Belice está ganando. A diferencia del UDP, el PUP es, en esencia, transparente y responsable, ya que «sirve al pueblo». Seguimos muy bien con el PUP, John Briceño y el equipo.

WOMEN CELEBRATED

Balancing the Scales, Driving Change

As Belize enters Women's Month from March 1st to 31st under the theme "Balance the Scales," the national spotlight turns to justice, equality, and empowerment for women and girls. Spearheaded by the National Women's Commission and the Family Support and Gender Affairs Department, this year's theme aligns with UN Women Australia's 2026 global call to action promoting inclusive systems and justice-focused reform.

"Balance the Scales" reflects Belize's push to strengthen its justice framework, including the proposed Domestic Violence Prohibition Bill, which aims to expand protections, modernize legal remedies, and improve survivor-centered responses. Organizers say the theme also recognizes that women's voices—particularly those from marginalized communities—must be amplified, and that progress requires coordinated, tangible action rather than symbolic gestures.

The centerpiece event of the month will be the **Women's Empowerment Forum and Educational Fair, scheduled for March 25, 2026,** at the Belize City Civic Centre from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The forum promises a full day of engagement featuring educational booths, entrepreneurship resources, leadership development sessions, health and wellness information, and networking opportunities with public, private, and civil society partners. The initiative underscores a national commitment to creating pathways for sustainable empowerment.

Tuk Tuk Belize Tour Services

While institutions advocate for equity and opportunity, women entrepreneurs are also making strides in reshaping Belize's economic landscape. One such example is Tanisha Vernon, owner of Tuk Tuk Belize Tour Services, whose eco-conscious tourism small business has expanded beyond its signature tuk-tuks to include two new eco buses designed for larger groups.

Vernon's tuk-tuks first captured attention in August last year, offering compact, solar-powered sightseeing experiences around Belize City. However, growing demand from tour groups and local organizations prompted a strategic expansion.

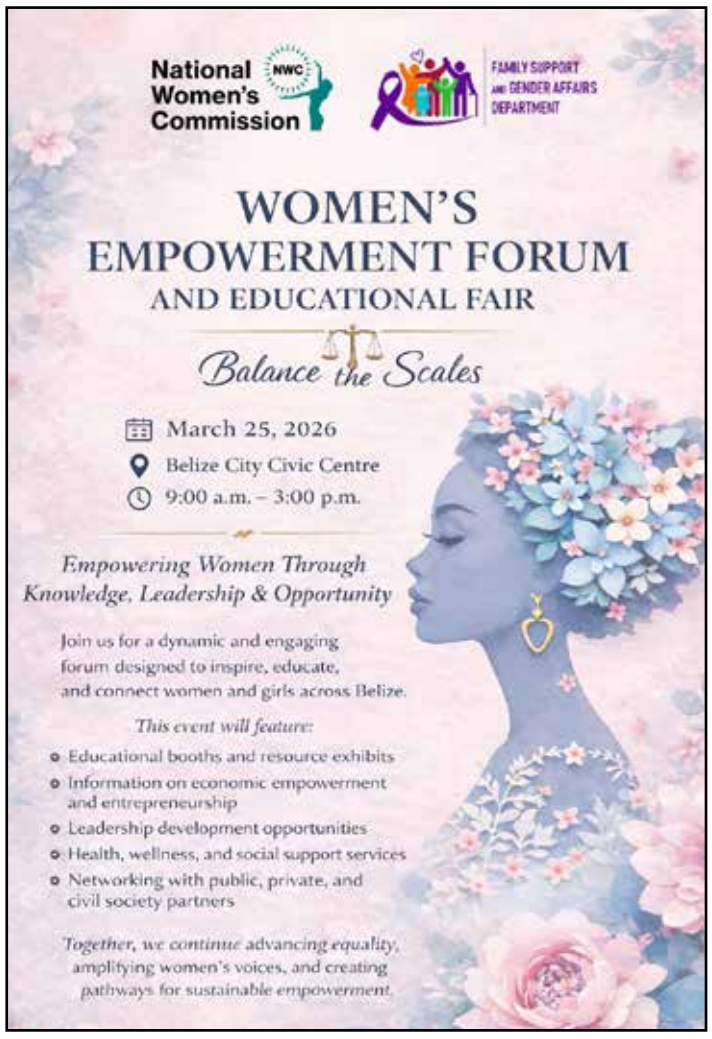
"We have been pushing our sustainability and eco-friendly company for the past six months, and we found that there was a demand for groups," Vernon explained. *"The Tuk Tuks hold a capacity of four passengers comfortably, and because of the popularity that we have been receiving, we are getting larger groups. So, we decided to step up and meet the demands."*

The new doorless eco buses can accommodate between 13 and 15 passengers and are already operating within city limits. Powered by solar energy, the buses can travel approximately 50 to 60 miles before requiring a recharge. Vernon emphasized that the shift is not solely about scaling up operations but about reinforcing the company's environmental mission.

"The beauty about it is that it is using natural energy, the natural sun to move the bus," she said. "It is not just about driving around in a luxury bus but understanding the importance and value of eco-tourism and the direction the world is moving towards when it comes to solar and EV."

The expansion also opens new educational opportunities. Vernon hopes to extend tours to primary and high school students interested in learning about renewable energy and sustainable tourism practices. Existing tour offerings—including cultural and historical excursions, coffee tasting experiences, and cocktail tours—will continue, with potential additions such as beach break trips to Old Belize under consideration.

As Belize commemorates Women's Month, stories like Vernon's reflect the broader theme of balancing opportunity and innovation. Whether through national policy reform or entrepreneurial leadership, the message remains clear: empowering women strengthens communities and drives national progress.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AND EDUCATIONAL FAIR
Balance the Scales
March 25, 2026
Belize City Civic Centre
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Empowering Women Through Knowledge, Leadership & Opportunity
Join us for a dynamic and engaging forum designed to inspire, educate, and connect women and girls across Belize.
This event will feature:
Educational booths and resource exhibits
Information on economic empowerment and entrepreneurship
Leadership development opportunities
Health, wellness, and social support services
Networking with public, private, and civil society partners
Together, we continue advancing equality, amplifying women's voices, and creating pathways for sustainable empowerment.

NAMLC HOSTS

3RD ANNUAL AML/CFT CONFERENCE IN BELIZE

Anti-Money Laundering - Combating the Financing of Terrorism

"Public-Private Collaboration: Strengthening AML/CFT/CPF Efforts through Partnership and Innovation"

Belize's National Anti-Money Laundering Committee (NAMLC) will convene its 3rd Annual Anti-Money Laundering and Combating the Financing of Terrorism (AML/CFT) Conference from February 23–25, 2026, at the Belize Civic Center. This year's hybrid event, accommodating both in-person and virtual participation, is expected to host over 300 in-person attendees and 200 virtual participants, including compliance officers, regulatory authorities, law enforcement personnel, and other key public and private sector stakeholders.

The conference provides a platform for Belizean and international experts to discuss the latest developments, challenges, and best practices in Anti-Money Laundering, Countering Financing of Terrorism, and Countering Proliferation Financing (AML/CFT/CPF). This year's conference is made possible through the steadfast support of all NAMLC agencies. Special recognition is extended to the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL) for its ongoing support to Belize's authorities, including the Financial Intelligence Unit, in strengthening national capacity to combat financial crime.

The conference will open with ceremonies on Monday, February 23, 2026, from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m., featuring remarks from Senator Hon. Christopher Coye and the Charge d'Affaires of the U.S. Embassy, Ms. Katharine Beamer. While the conference sessions are closed to the press, a brief opportunity for interviews will be available following the opening ceremony.

Established on February 7, 2014, NAMLC serves as Belize's primary domestic coordination and cooperation mechanism for AML/CFT/CPF. The committee provides strategic advice to the Minister of Finance on the detection and prevention of money laundering, terrorist financing, and proliferation financing, develops national action plans, and coordinates Belize's participation in international AML/CFT/CPF efforts. NAMLC comprises Belize's key regulatory, prosecutorial, and law enforcement agencies.

Since its inception, NAMLC has overseen landmark achievements, including Belize's successful Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) 4th Round Mutual Evaluation. NAMLC has been at the forefront of strengthening Belize's AML/CFT/CPF framework. Under its guidance, Belize successfully completed the **Caribbean Financial Action Task Force (CFATF) 4th Round Evaluation,** becoming the **second country globally** to achieve "Compliant" or "Largely Compliant" ratings across all 40 FATF Recommendations on its first attempt. Belize also demonstrated "Substantial" effectiveness in five Immediate Outcomes, including a regional first in Proliferation Financing. These achievements allowed Belize to successfully avoid "grey" or "black" listing.

NAMLC continues to advance Belize's AML/CFT/CPF framework through risk assessments, legislative updates, public-private sector engagement, and capacity-building initiatives, with the Annual AML/CFT Conference serving as a cornerstone of its outreach efforts. (release)

Belize has moved from being the black balled and ignored under the UDP to a nation that is sought over for its best practices. Since the teachers and public servants worked along the government who led in the Blue Bond agreement, the country has been adulated for its democracy and negotiation excellence. Today we are reaping the benefits of being a world gave haven for excellent improvement in our GDP to Debt Ratio. Out transparent move from approximately 133 per cent GDP-Debt ratio to 63 per cent is dramatic yet real. How do Belizeans feel this? As investors get confident of Belize's government's prowess in governance and handling the economy, the job-availability arena opens up. More people have access to more and better and better-paying jobs. Too bad such an economy also attracts the bad guys in financing, so the government needs the antivirus, so to speak. This conference is one of the initiatives to maintain a legal business environment.

ORDER OF DISTINCTION CONFERRED ON

H.E. MRS. LILY LI-WEN HSU, AMBASSADOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF CHINA (TAIWAN)

H.E. Dame Froyla Tzalam, the Governor General of Belize, conferred the Order of Distinction on behalf of the Government and people of Belize, recognizing H.E. Lily Li-Wen Hsu, Ambassador of the Republic of China (Taiwan), for her exceptional service and dedication to strengthening the bond between the two nations. From major infrastructure projects to community-level support, Ambassador Hsu's tenure has been distinguished by a deep commitment to Belize's development.

While the ceremony marked a bittersweet farewell as she prepares to return home, her legacy of friendship and cooperation remains.

This esteemed award celebrates Ambassador Hsu's unwavering commitment and remarkable efforts in deepening the partnership between Belize and Taiwan. (GoB PO Post)

Setting the Record Straight

ONGOING CONSULTATIONS REGARDING TERMINAL MANAGEMENT UNIT TRANSITION

The Public Service Union needs to get rid of UDP Dean Flowers and conduct a true PSU election. Truth: He should resign given his proven penchant to mislead which puts the whole Public Service in discredit. It is one thing for 7 to lie but when one leads a Union you need to be credible. This person does not represent Public Officers, he represents himself. He is bitter about his party or that his ex-party is not ruling anymore. So all he does is sit on his secondment (paid without working in his case) and ignores all the good the government is doing until he can find a way to bedevil progress. Flowers should work on getting the retired public servants their PSWT money…in their accounts where it belongs. Public servants should ask him the question daily: weh the money deh?. The latest slur from his mouth is an attempt to slander the Department of Transport. Can we get an apology for this UDP man?

The Ministry of Constitution and Religious Affairs, Indigenous Affairs, and Transportation wishes to clarify recent public commentary regarding the ongoing transition process relating to the terminal management unit (TMU) staff.

On Monday, February 23, 2026, the Ministry formally sought guidance and technical advice from the Office of the Labour Commissioner to ensure that any steps taken in relation to the transition of TMU staff are aligned with existing labour laws, regulations, and best practices.

The Ministry wishes to state the following clearly:

1. At no point has the Ministry issued any directive instructing TMU staff to resign with immediate effect, nor has any ultimatum been communicated authorizing forced resignations or terminations.

2. Engagement with the Labour Commissioner was undertaken to ensure that the transition process is managed in a lawful, orderly, and fair manner, with due regard for the rights, tenure, and benefits of affected public officers.

3. Any discussions regarding resignation relate only to the legal requirements surrounding the processing of benefits for officers with over ten (10) years of service and are part of the broader effort to ensure that officers are properly informed of their options under the law.

4. The Ministry has taken the view that there will be a four-month transitional period, during which the TMU staff will be able to determine their options.

Furthermore, the Ministry notes that, subject to operational needs, provisions are being explored to allow TMU staff the opportunity to apply for positions with the National Bus Company should they so choose, based on workforce requirements and established recruitment processes. This is intended as a pathway for continuity of employment, not as a compulsory measure.

The Ministry remains committed to responsible consultation, transparency, and respect for the established labour relations framework. The transition process is still in an engagement and clarification phase, and no final decisions affecting staff employment status have been implemented.

The Ministry reaffirms its commitment to continued dialogue with relevant stakeholders, including the Office of the Labour Commissioner and other relevant authorities, to ensure that any transition is conducted in a manner that safeguards the dignity, rights, and lawful entitlements of all affected workers. (release)

The UDP is so used to their unlawful terminations that they are quick to continue with their fake new strategy. Waiting for Flower's apology or come with facts as the PSU deserves. (release)

Resilient Bold Belize
GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANT

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of Finance Assistant under the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems while promoting sustainable livelihoods and strengthening financial and institutional systems for people-centred conservation. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

Position Summary

The Finance Assistant will be based in Belize City within the BBFP Unit and will provide financial and administrative support to ensure efficient and compliant project implementation. The position supports budgeting, financial reporting, procurement, contract administration, and audit processes in accordance with WWF (GEF Agency) requirements and Government of Belize financial procedures.

KEY RESPONSIBILITIES

- Assist in budget preparation, expenditure monitoring, and financial reporting
- Maintain accurate and auditable financial records
- Validate and process payments in accordance with approved budgets
- Support procurement processes and contract administration
- Prepare financial inputs for donor reporting and Project Progress Reports
- Assist with audits, evaluations, and compliance monitoring
- Provide administrative and logistical support for project activities

Qualifications and Experience

- Minimum Associate Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business Administration, or related field (bachelor's degree is an asset).
- At least three (3) years' experience in financial management, accounting, or budgeting.
- Experience in donor-funded projects, government institutions, or NGOs preferred.
- Demonstrated experience in budget preparation, financial reporting, expenditure monitoring, audit support, procurement, and contract administration.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Excel and accounting software (e.g., QuickBooks).

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by **e-mailing:** **rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz** with the subject line **"Financial Assistant TOR."** Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's **Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages**.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, March 6th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the CV and during the interview process.

Request for Quotation (RFQ)

Supply, Delivery, and Assembly of Prefabricated Modular Structure

The Government of Belize has received financing through the Government Strategic Allocation from the Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future and intends to apply a portion of the funds to make eligible payments under the Contract(s) for which this Request for Quotation (RFQ) is issued.

The *Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit,* on behalf of the Belize Forest Department, hereby invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified suppliers for the supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of a prefabricated modular structure.

Quantity	Agency	Brief Description	Delivery & Assembly Location
One (1) unit	Belize Forest Department	Supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of prefabricated modular structure for laboratory workspace, office function, and secure storage	Belize Forest Department, Forest Drive, Belmopan City

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of the shopping documents and further information at the following email address: pa.component5@forest.gov.bz between *Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm local Belize time*.

The Contract will be awarded to the bidder whose quotation is determined to be substantially responsive to the RFQ documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost. Quotations must be submitted in a sealed envelope and delivered to the address below no later than ***March 10th, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. local Belize time***:

Attention: GSA Component 5 Project Assistant
Belize Forest Department
Forest Drive
Belmopan City, Belize

The sealed envelope must be clearly marked with the title of the RFQ**.**

Late submissions will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Electronic submissions are not permitted.

NOTICE

GOVERNMENT OF BELIZE TREASURY BILLS ISSUE NUMBER 4/2026

Tenders are invited for an issue of Government of Belize Treasury Bills. The amount of the issue will be $90,000,000.00.

The Bills will be issued in electronic form only evidenced by an electronic book entry in the Central Securities Depository (CSD) of the Central Bank of Belize in multiples of $200 and will be repayable at par 91 days after issue. They will be issued on Thursday, 12 March 2026 and will be redeemed on Thursday 11 June 2026.

Each tender must be for $200 or a multiple of $200. Bid yields must be submitted to five decimal places.

Members of the public who wish to participate in the auction must submit their bid to the Central Bank of Belize electronically to bids@centralbank.org.bz or at the designated drop off box no later than 12:00 noon on Friday, 6 March 2026.

The auction in the CSD will be opened from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm on Thursday 12 March 2026.

Successful bidders should arrange to settle via the Automated Payment & Securities Settlement System of Belize (APSSS).

Bank: Central Bank of Belize
Account: GLICORP0402627

The Government of Belize reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all tenders in whole or in part.

CENTRAL BANK OF BELIZE

Notices are placed on Central Bank of Belize Website (www.centralbank.org.bz)

13 February 2026

Request for Quotation (RFQ)
Supply, Delivery, and Assembly of Prefabricated Modular Structures

The Government of Belize has received financing through the Government Strategic Allocation from the Belize Fund for a Sustainable Future and intends to apply a portion of the funds to make eligible payments under the Contract(s) for which this Request for Quotation (RFQ) is issued.

The *Blue Bonds and Finance Permanence Unit,* on behalf of the Belize Coast Guard and the Belize Fisheries Department, hereby invites sealed quotations from eligible and qualified suppliers for the supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of prefabricated modular container structures.

Lot No.	Agency	Brief Description	Quantity	Delivery & Assembly Location
Lot 1	Belize Coast Guard	Supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of prefabricated modular container structures for office and storage use	Three (3) units	Belize Coast Guard Headquarters, 4.5 Miles George Price Highway
Lot 2	Belize Fisheries Department	Supply, delivery, and on-site assembly of prefabricated modular container structures for office and storage use, including electrical and drainage connections	Two (2) units	Belize Fisheries Department, Princess Margaret Drive, Belize City

This RFQ is structured into two (2) separate lots, reflecting distinct requirements. **Bidders may submit quotations for one (1) or both lots.**

Interested eligible bidders may obtain a complete set of the shopping documents and further information at the following email address projectmanager.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz between *Monday – Friday 9:00 am to 4:00 pm local Belize time*.

The Contract will be awarded to the bidder whose quotation is determined to be substantially responsive to the RFQ documents and represents the lowest evaluated cost. Quotations must be submitted in a sealed envelope and delivered to the address below no later than ***March 6th, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. local Belize time***:

Attention: Project Manager
Blue Bonds and Finance Permanence Unit
3rd Floor Eleanor Hall Building
Lake Independence Boulevard
Belize City, Belize

The sealed envelope must be clearly marked with:

- The title of the RFQ; and
- The Lot number(s) being quoted (Lot 1 – Belize Coast Guard and/or Lot 2 – Belize Fisheries Department).

Failure to clearly indicate the Lot number(s) on the sealed envelope will result in rejection of the quotation. Late submissions will not be accepted and will be returned unopened. Electronic submissions are not permitted.

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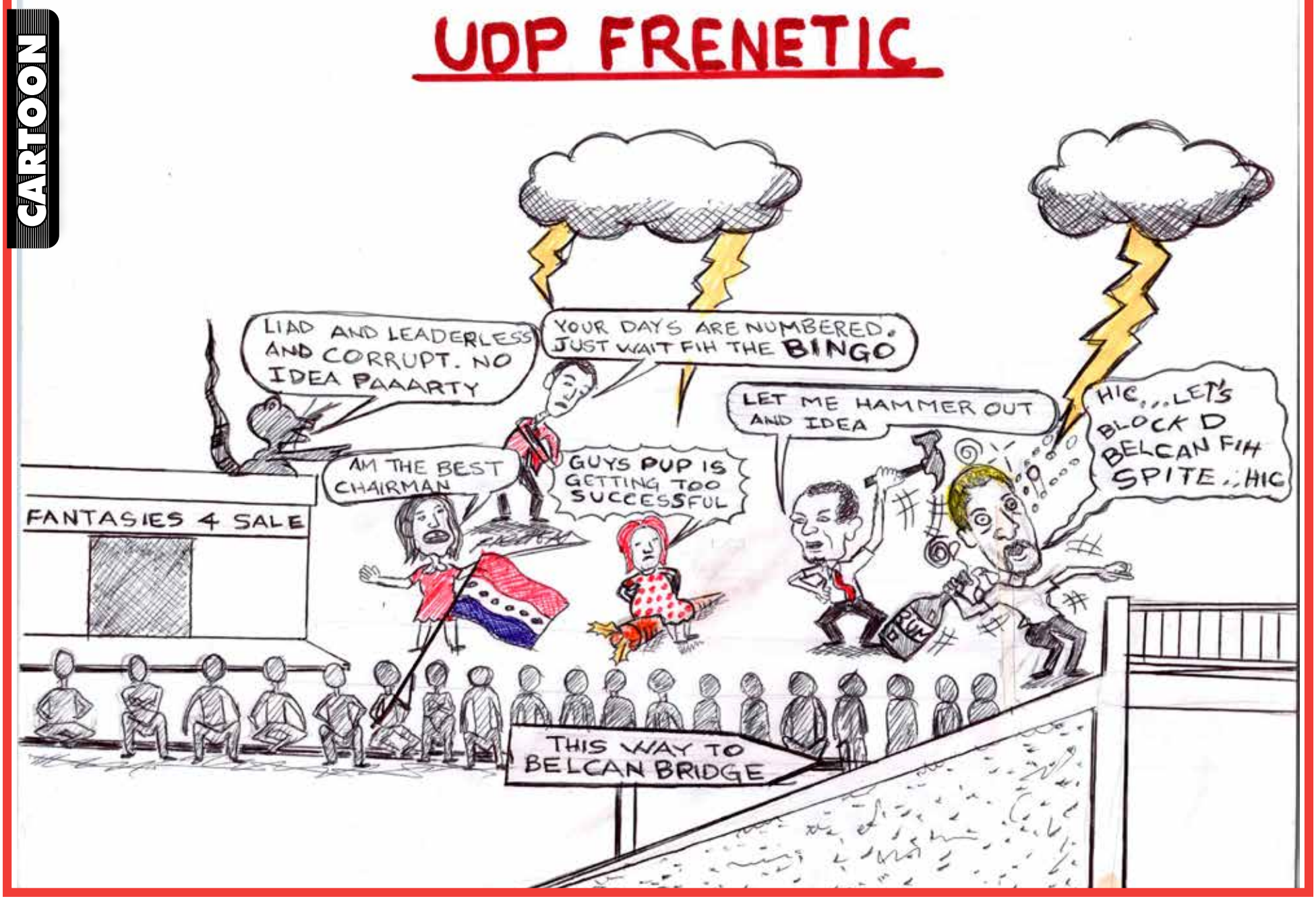
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National Health Insurance
ROLLOUT TO THE CAYO DISTRICT
Remarks by
PRIME MINISTER JOHN BRICEÑO
"Twenty-Five Years in the Making: Fulfilling the Promise of Health for All"

Distinguished guests, Members of the Cabinet and the House of Representatives, healthcare heroes who work tirelessly in our clinics and hospitals, community leaders, and most importantly, the beautiful and resilient people of the Cayo District.

Good morning.

Today feels different. It feels significant. It feels like a homecoming.

Twenty-five years ago, a bold idea was born on the Southside of Belize City. It was an idea rooted in a simple, powerful belief: **that where you live or how much you earn should never determine whether you live or die.** It was the belief that healthcare is not a commodity for the few, but a fundamental right for all Belizeans.

That idea was the National Health Insurance program!

For a quarter of a century, that pilot project in the south side of the city has been more than just a program; it has been a laboratory of hope. We learned lessons there—some hard, some triumphant. We learned that when you invest in primary care, you save lives. We learned that when you empower local clinics and pay for performance, quality improves. We learned that the journey to universal health coverage is a marathon, not a sprint. And today, my friends, after 25 years of running that race, we have reached the final, critical mile.

Today, I am proud and deeply moved to announce the official roll-out of the final phase of the National Health Insurance to the Cayo District. This is the moment we have been working toward for a generation.

To the 80,000 Belizeans in the Cayo District who are now eligible to register—let me be clear about what this means for you and your family. It means that the doctor you visit, the medicine you need, the x-ray, ultrasound, or the chronic care management for conditions like diabetes and hypertension—these essential services—are now backed by the full strength of a national system designed to put quality care within your reach.

It means your health is now our government's bottom line!

We chose to culminate this journey here, in the Cayo District, because we recognize the immense potential and the immense responsibility we hold. You are the engine of so much of our economy—in agriculture, in tourism, in the BPO sector, government services and in commerce among other sectors. But an engine cannot run if the people driving it are unwell. By solidifying your health security, we are solidifying the economic security of our entire nation.

Let us be honest. For too long, many of our people in the rural areas and our expanding towns have had to travel too far and wait too long for care. This final rollout is our commitment to closing that gap. We are bringing the system to you. We are strengthening our health facilities here so that your health journey can begin and end in your own community.

I want to acknowledge the scepticism that sometimes accompanies government programs. I understand it. But I ask you to look at the history of NHI. It started as a pilot 25 years ago. It did not vanish; it grew. It expanded because it worked. It worked because of the dedication of our doctors, nurses, and data entry clerks, etc. It worked because the people of Belize demanded accountability.

As we turn the page on this final chapter of the roll-out, we are not just signing people up for a card. We are signing a new social contract with the people of the Cayo District. A contract that guarantees dignity. A contract that promises prevention over reaction. A contract that declares that in Belize, your health matters.

There is still work to be done in the health sector. We must continue to recruit specialists, improve our infrastructure, and ensure that the supply of medicine is always full. But today, we celebrate a milestone. We celebrate the visionaries who started this 25 years ago, the workers who sustained it, and the 80,000 citizens who will now carry it forward.

Let us move forward together, healthier, and stronger.

May God bless you, may God bless all residents of the Cayo District, and may God bless our beloved Belize.

50TH REGULAR MEETING
CARICOM
THE CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT
"Beyond Words: Action Today for a Thriving Sustainable CARICOM."

Began on Tuesday, 24 February 2026
Basseterre, St Kitts and Nevis
"Beyond Words: Action Today for a Thriving Sustainable CARICOM."

Hon. John Briceño, the Prime Minister of Belize, joined regional leaders at what was considered one of the most important and strategic meetings in the history of CARICOM. PM Briceño was accompanied by Hon Francis Fonseca, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade, Education, Science, Culture and Technology, H.E. Ambassador Amalia Mai and H.E. Lawrence Sylvester, Ambassador to CARICOM.

The Honourable Dr. Terrance Drew, Prime Minister of St. Kitts and Nevis, and the current Chair, presided over the meeting, which took place at the Marriott Dome, Frigate Bay. At the opening ceremony, PM Drew remarked that the region ***"stands at a decisive hour"***. And as the global order is shifting, Drew said ***"Supply chains remain uncertain, energy markets fluctuate and climate shocks intensify."*** In concert with the other leaders, Dr. Terrance Drew spoke about the changing geopolitics, citing that the humanitarian situation in Cuba must be addressed and taken seriously. The outgoing CARICOM Chair, Jamaica's Prime Minister, Andrew Holness, in concurrence, emphasised that "a prolonged crisis in Cuba will not remain confined in Cuba" but will have effects on migration, security, and economic stability across the Caribbean basin.

Undeniably, for generations, there has been a longstanding relationship of cooperation between the United States and the Caribbean, whether in trade, security, disaster response or in shared democratic values. Prime Minister Briceño, regarding the US/Belize and the Caribbean compact of cooperation stated that "Relations with the USA are critical for Belize and the wider Caribbean region. Matters of concern include transnational crime, current matters in relation to Cuba and its impact on the broader region as well as other matters." Prime Minister Briceño in an interview with Love media said "When it comes to the issue of Cuba, I think for us for Belize to point out that while Secretary Rubio is saying that change must come to Cuba, we said most of us in CARICOM felt that the change that is coming has to be done orderly." Adding that "Most importantly at this moment we need to find humanitarian assistance to the Cuban people."

However, it is imperative as declared by the leader of the island nation of St Kitts and Nevis that "CARICOM is not a talk shop. It is a platform for action" a statement suitably aligned with the theme, and "This 50th Meeting must move us beyond conversation and into concrete, measurable outcomes that advance food security, climate resilience, regional security, and economic growth."

On Wednesday 25 February 2026, the 50th CARICOM Meeting entered into dialogue in a closed-door session with the regional leaders of the Caribbean and the visiting US Secretary of State Marco Rubio. The presence of the Secretary of State at CARICOM, to some observers, described the visit as a diplomatic "reset" between the United States and the Caribbean. Times Caribbean suggested that Washington's renewed engagement signals that the Caribbean is no longer viewed as "peripheral-but strategic". Interestingly, the Caribbean has been clamouring for more engagement from Washington regarding issues such as climate resilience, security cooperation, trade and market access, debt sustainability and development financing. But Rubio's interpretation of the meeting differs from what it was described by the observ-

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Ministry of
Human Development, Family Support, and Gender Affairs

WHAT WE DO WEDNESDAY

NEXT WEEK: COMMUNITY & PARENTING EMPOWERMENT (COMPAR)

Strong families build strong communities.

Next week on What We Do Wednesday, we highlight the Community & Parenting Empowerment Program (COMPAR) — a key initiative of the Department of Human Services focused on prevention, parenting education, and community mobilization.

COMPAR works to: Equip parents with practical skills
• Strengthen community leadership
• Promote child development and protection
• Support families before crises occur
Because child protection does not begin with investigation — it begins with prevention
New episode drops Wednesday

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The People's United Party – Eastern Caucus

Dinner Meeting

Thursday February 19, 2026

The PUP's Eastern Caucus Meeting Dinner was hosted under the sponsorship of the Deputy Leader of the East, Hon. Anthony Mahler.

There was excellent quorum as all 12 constituencies with Area Representatives, past Standard Bearers, and Executive Chairpersons were out in full force and represented by over 150 invited participants.

The show of strength, unity and fellowship, obtaining feedback and mandates from the Constituency Executives and other arms of the party including BYM, UWG, Marshalls and ODS representatives was forward thinking in the style of the PUP of 'Serve the People.' The Belizean people were surely represented well.

Also present were Chairman of the Party, Hon. Henry Usher, the PUP Secretary General, Collet Montejo, and the Chairman of the Eastern Caucus, Josue Carballo, who gave remarks encouraging dialogue and continuing the works of Plan Belize 2.0.

The meeting ended in excellent rapport and great spirit of camaradie.

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ers as he rendered his characterization of the event saying "I don't even want to call it resetting relations because it's really not about a reset." He added "I mean, we have longstanding ties to each of you bilaterally, and all of you collectively, but reinvigorating our relationship because we have a lot in common to work on, both opportunities and challenges, and the United States is committed to doing that." Rubio further explained "We have a long history of working together on responding to challenges, but I think our cooperation will have to grow even deeper and our commitment to it will have to grow even stronger…"

Notwithstanding, the brevity of the Secretary of State Marco Rubio's address to the leaders of the region in the closed-door discussion on issues of mutual interest, there were varying topics that were considered. It was pointed out that the most urgent security threat in the region was the threat of transnational criminal organizations, and the impact on both the region and the United States. For the leaders, although the encounter with the Secretary of State was brief, it left a sense of optimism that this was not another instance of an "outdated boilerplate platitudes about partnerships". It was a recalibration of cooperation between the region and the US. It was action that transcended words to bring about a thriving, sustainable CARICOM.

By Hilly Bennett

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

CONSTRUCTION OF A TEMPORARY CROSSING NEAR TO THE BELIZE CITY SWING BRIDGE

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), in preparation for the Swing Bridge Replacement Project, intends to construct a temporary crossing near to the current bridge structure.

Provided there are no delays, construction is expected to start within a month. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors in executing the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

The Project is being implemented by the MIDH, Project Execution Unit (PEU). An Engineering Coordinator within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

The Scope of Works will include:

- Clearance of site, including concrete demolition less than 8 cubic meters.
- Supply, deliver and install to refusal, reinforced concrete piles.
- Construction of formwork, steel reinforcement and high-strength concrete to abutments, pile caps, shear keys and slabs.
- Construction of bridge deck using pre-cast concrete slabs.
- Installation of jersey barrier and safety fencing for pedestrian and vehicular traffic.
- Construction of approach roads including installation of drains, removal of unsuitable materials, and the supply and construction of road pavement approaches.
- Application of double bituminous surfacing, installation of security fencing, and security lighting.

Consideration will be given to local firms who have qualified extensive experience in works of a similar size and complexity.
Minimum Qualification Criteria:

- General Construction Experience: 5 Years
- Specific Construction Experience in works of a similar nature: 3 Years
- Contract Management Experience: 3 Years
- Construction Experience in a Project of Similar Size and Complexity (one)
- Access to Line of Credit: $300,000.00
- Average annual turnover of minimum: Bz$500,000.00
- Qualified registered Engineer: 5 years' experience

Effective **Monday 2 March 2026**, Bidding Documents are available at a cost of **Bz$500.00** from the address below.

Bidders shall submit proposals (one original and one copy) in a sealed envelope to the address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant and be clearly marked **"Bid Submission for the Construction of a Temporary Crossing beside the Belize City Swing Bridge".**

A pre-bid meeting shall be conducted on **Friday 6 March 2026** at **10:00am** at the project site in Belize City.

All Bidding Documents shall reach the office of the Chief Engineer/Engineering Coordinator at the address below no later than **Friday 13 March 2026** at **10:00 a.m.** The Ministry shall not be bound to assign any reason for not post-qualifying any contractor and shall not accept responsibility for any cost incurred by the applicants.

Attention: **Mr. Evondale Moody**
Chief Engineer / Engineering Coordinator
Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Power Lane
Belmopan
BELIZE C.A.
Tel: +501-828-5221
Email: peu@midh.gov.bz

Ministry of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management

Appreciation Event

Employee Assistance Programme

The Ministry of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management hosted an Employee Assistance Programme (EAP) Appreciation Event on Friday February 20, 2026, at the Belize Grand Resort and Residencies. The event brought together EAP practitioners and public officers to recognize the invaluable contributions of professionals who support the mental health and well-being of public officers across Belize.

The Employee Assistance Programme continues to play a vital role in strengthening the public service by providing confidential counselling, support services, and critical interventions that promote resilience, productivity, and overall well-being.

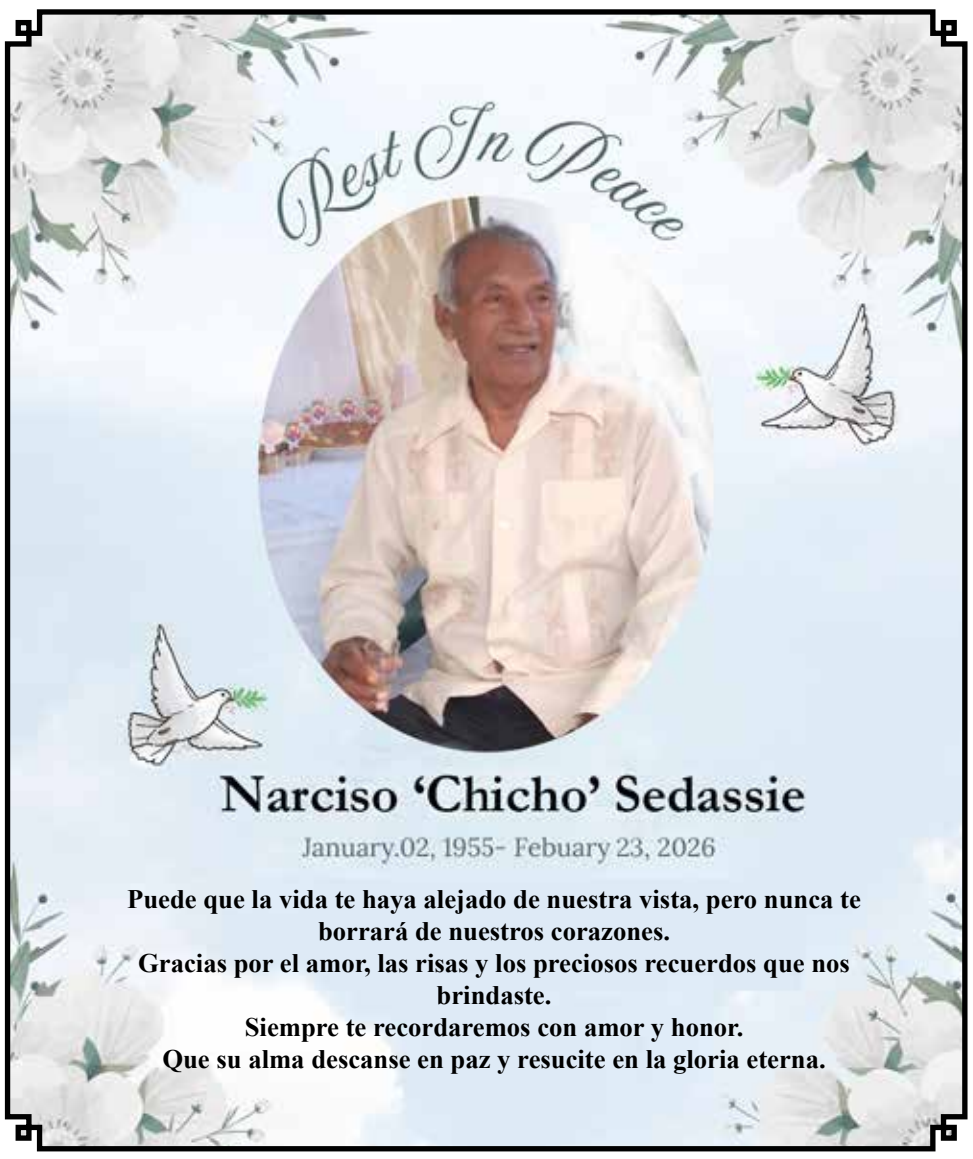
Delivering the keynote address, Hon. Henry Charles Usher, Minister of the Public Service and Disaster Risk Management, underscored the importance of prioritizing mental health within the public service and expressed heartfelt appreciation to the practitioners who make the programme impactful.

In his remarks, Minister Usher stated, "Mental health support is not a luxury within the public service, it is a necessity. Our public officers carry significant responsibilities daily, often under challenging circumstances. The Employee Assistance Programme ensures that they are not alone in navigating those pressures."

The Minister further reaffirmed the Government's commitment to strengthening mental health resources and expanding awareness of the programme across ministries and departments.

The event also featured updates on enhancements to the EAP electronic form system and interactive engagement activities designed to encourage continued collaboration among practitioners.

The Ministry extends sincere thanks to all EAP practitioners for their dedication and professionalism, and reiterates its commitment to fostering a resilient, supportive, and people-centered public service. (release)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Narciso 'Chicho' Sedassie
January.02, 1955- Febuary 23, 2026
Puede que la vida te haya alejado de nuestra vista, pero nunca te borrará de nuestros corazones.
Gracias por el amor, las risas y los preciosos recuerdos que nos brindaste.
Siempre te recordaremos con amor y honor.
Que su alma descanse en paz y resucite en la gloria eterna.

BELIZE Social Investment Fund

REQUEST FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST (*CONSULTING SERVICES – INDIVIDUAL CONSULTANT SELECTION*)

Belize
Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project (CRESAP)
Loan No.: 9347 BE
Project ID No.: P172592
Assignment Title: Matching Grant Technician
Reference No. (as per Procurement Plan): BZ-SIF-516079-CS-INDV

The Government of Belize has received financing from the World Bank toward the cost of the Climate Resilient and Sustainable Agriculture Project and intends to apply part of the proceeds for consulting services.

The GOB intends to apply part of the proceeds of this financing towards hiring one (1) experienced and qualified consultant as Matching Grant Technician. The **Matching Grant Technician** will support the Matching Grant Coordinator in providing oversight over the CRESAP matching grants mechanism. Assistance will involve monitoring and verifying that all matching grants under CRESAP are consistent with the requirements of the Matching Grants Operations Manual (MGOM) and that technical services are being provided to support matching grant beneficiaries in implementing their CSA Investments. He/she will also provide support in having updated and timely report to the Ministry of Agriculture Food Security and New Growth Industries and the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF), including to the Matching Grants Approval Committee (MGAC).

The GOB through the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries has appointed the Belize Social Investment Fund (BSIF) as the implementing agency for the project and the BSIF is seeking to recruit a suitable qualified **PROJECT STAFF- Matching Grant Technician.**

The detailed Terms of Reference (TOR) for the assignment can be obtained by submitting a request in writing via e-mail to procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org.

The Belize Social Investment Fund now invites eligible individuals ("Consultants") to indicate their interest in providing the Services. Interested Consultants should provide information demonstrating that they have the required qualifications and relevant experience to perform the Services (such as cover letter, Curriculum Vitae etc.).

Minimum Mandatory Requirements *(Required)
Qualifications

- Minimum of an associate's degree in agriculture, natural resource management and conservation, environmental science, agriculture economics, or equivalent qualification related to the assignment. (max 20 points)

General Experience

- Three years' working experience in public or private sector performing tasks related to managing of projects (max 20 points)

If these minimum requirements are not met, candidates will not be considered for the process

Additional Requirements (Desirable)
Specific Experience

- Experience in the development of investment proposals and business plans (10 points)
- Experience in Climate Smart Agriculture practices (10 points)
- Experience in technical assistance services in the agriculture sector (10 points)
- Familiarity with digital platforms or tools such as GPS, data collection survey instruments or other digital tools (20 points)
- Excellent command of both the English and Spanish language (5 points)
- Experience in Project management (5 points)

Minimum total points required to be considered for the assignment is 75 points.

The attention of interested Consultants is drawn to Section III, paragraphs, 3.14, 3.16, and 3.17 of the World Bank's "Procurement Regulations for IPF Borrowers" July 2020 ("Procurement Regulations"), setting forth the World Bank's policy on conflict of interest.

A Consultant will be selected in accordance with the Selection of Individual Consultant method set out in the Procurement Regulations.

Further information can be obtained at the address below during office hours, i.e. 0800 to 1600 hours Belize Time.

Expressions of interest must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by mail, or by e-mail) by **March 6, 2026** at 16:00 hours Belize Time.

Belize Social Investment Fund
Attn: Orlando Coc, Procurement Assistant
P.O. Box 459, 4253 Hummingbird Highway, Building C, Belmopan City, Belize
Telephone +501-822-0239
Email: procurement.cresap@sifbelize.org
cc: orlando.coc@sifbelize.org

MoE Meets with Caye Caulker Stakeholders Advancing School Construction Projects

February 20, 2026 - Senior officials from the Ministry of Education, including Dian Maheia, Chief Executive Officer; Terri Langford, Deputy Chief Education Officer; Sebastian Cab, District Education Officer; Ricardo Gideon, Director of Policy, Planning, Research and Evaluation; Ingrid Acosta, Senior Project Coordinator; and Shakira Sharp, Project Officer; along with Hon. Andre Perez, Area Representative for Belize Rural South, recently met with representatives of the Caye Caulker Village Council and the Ocean Academy Board of Governors to discuss the pre-primary and high school construction projects taking place on Caye Caulker under the Belize Education Sector Reform Programme II.

The meeting provided an opportunity to discuss the projects, which will commence shortly, and to discuss the temporary reallocation of Ocean Academy students. Participants focused on practical alternatives to ensure that students continue receiving quality instruction in a safe and supportive environment while the new facilities are being completed.

All stakeholders shared their perspectives, with a common commitment to placing students' well-being and educational needs at the center of every decision. The Ministry remains dedicated to working closely with the community to ensure that the completed projects will ultimately provide improved learning spaces for Caye Caulker's students. (release)

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES

Trial Farm, Orange Walk District, Mount Pleasant, Cayo District.

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Development Finance Corporation, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. **Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.**

1. Parcel No. 1013 Pucte Villas, Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Ann Gabourel	4	1639
The freehold property of Ms. Dayana de Paz and Mr. Luisito Cunil.		

2. Parcel No. 1152 Mount Pleasant Area situate Along the George Price Highway, Cayo District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Mount Pleasant	20	1152
The freehold property of Messrs. AJ'S Group International Co. Ltd.		

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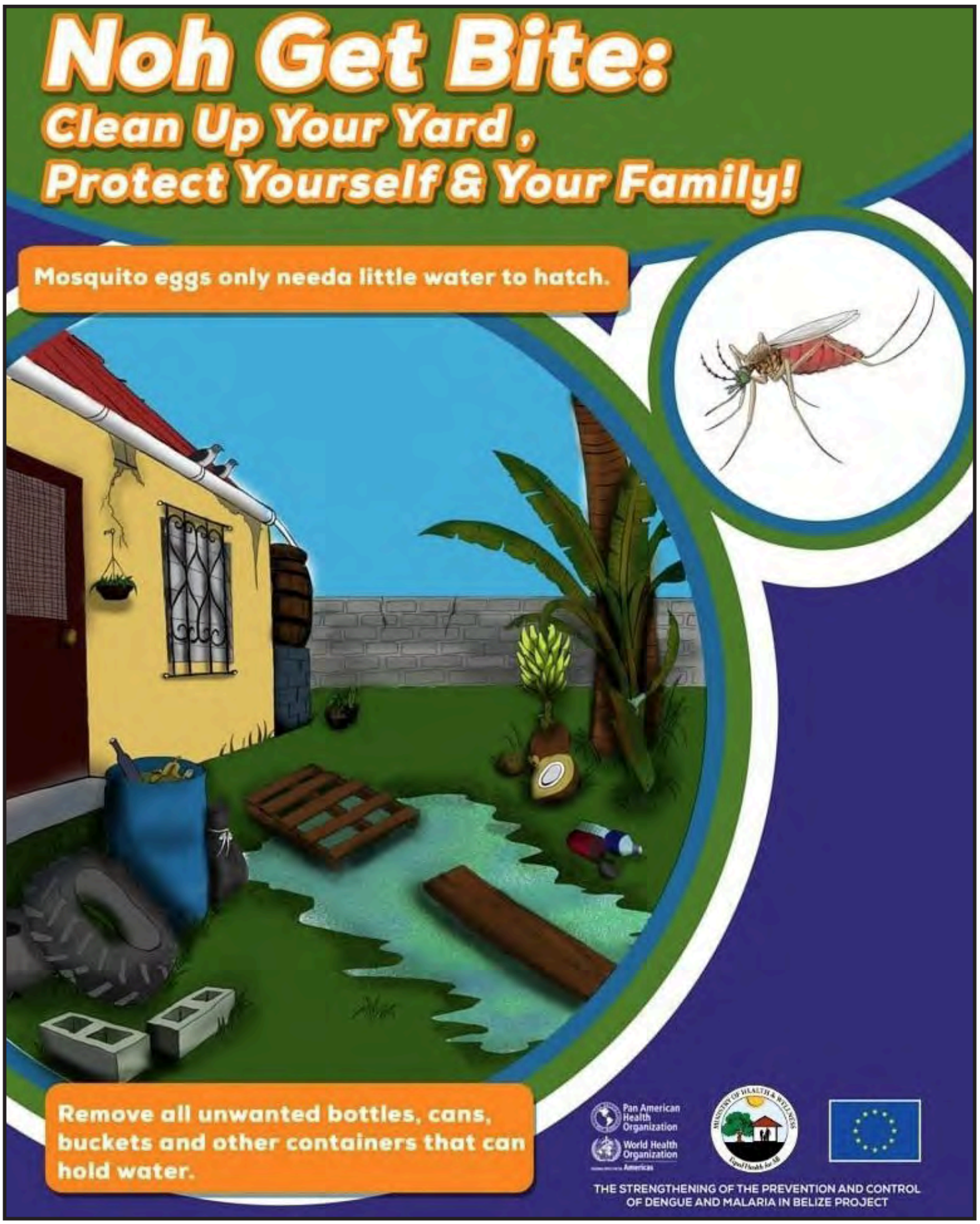
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Min. Oscar Requena, RT, CD & Local Government

Engaging w/ Rural Partnerships and Stakeholders

Ensuring Water Access all Over the Country (picture, Yemeri Grove)

Visiting w/ OW Town Council

Training w/ Rural Communities

Rudimentary Water System exploration

Works All over the Country

Hon. Marconi Leal, Jr., Belize Rural North

Upgrade of Basketball Court in Rancho Dolores

Road Maintenance Unit: "Bag your litter"

Hon. Fonseca visits Freetown project

Min. Rodwell Ferguson, Agriculture, Food Security & New Growth Industries

Meeting w/ farmers in Hopkins

Hon. Balona at Selena bypass for new bridge project

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CARDI to the School Feeding Program

A tablet has been transferred from CARDI to the School Feeding Program of the Ministry of Agriculture, Food Security and New Growth Industries, which falls under the National Food and Nutrition Security Commission (NFNSC). The coordinator of the Commission is Emilio Montero.

CARDI had used the tablet to gather baseline information on how small farmers and fishers contribute to school feeding programs in several Caribbean Islands including Belize. The survey was completed for the baseline data and so FAO, the supporting agency, requested that the tablet be used now to support record keeping and data collection for the school feeding program.

On hand to sign the MoU for the tablet transfer were Minister of State Alex Balona, CARDI country representative Omaira Avila Rostant, NFNSC Coordinator Emilio Montero and Senior Adviser Hugh O'Brien. (release)

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTY
Vista Del Mar, Belize District.

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Parcel No. 1781 Vista Del Mar, Ladyville, Belize District:

REGISTRATION SECTION	BLOCK	PARCEL
Vista Del Mar	16	1781
The freehold property of Mr. Andre Keron Kalique Gill Card.		

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Facebook: **Belize Auction**

LETTER TO THE Editor

Concerns Over Drunken Conduct

Dear Editor,

Recent public behavior associated with elements of the UDP leadership has left many Belizeans disturbed and questioning the standards being set at the top. It is reported numerous times that a particular mouthpiece of the UDP was observed in a drunken state in public.

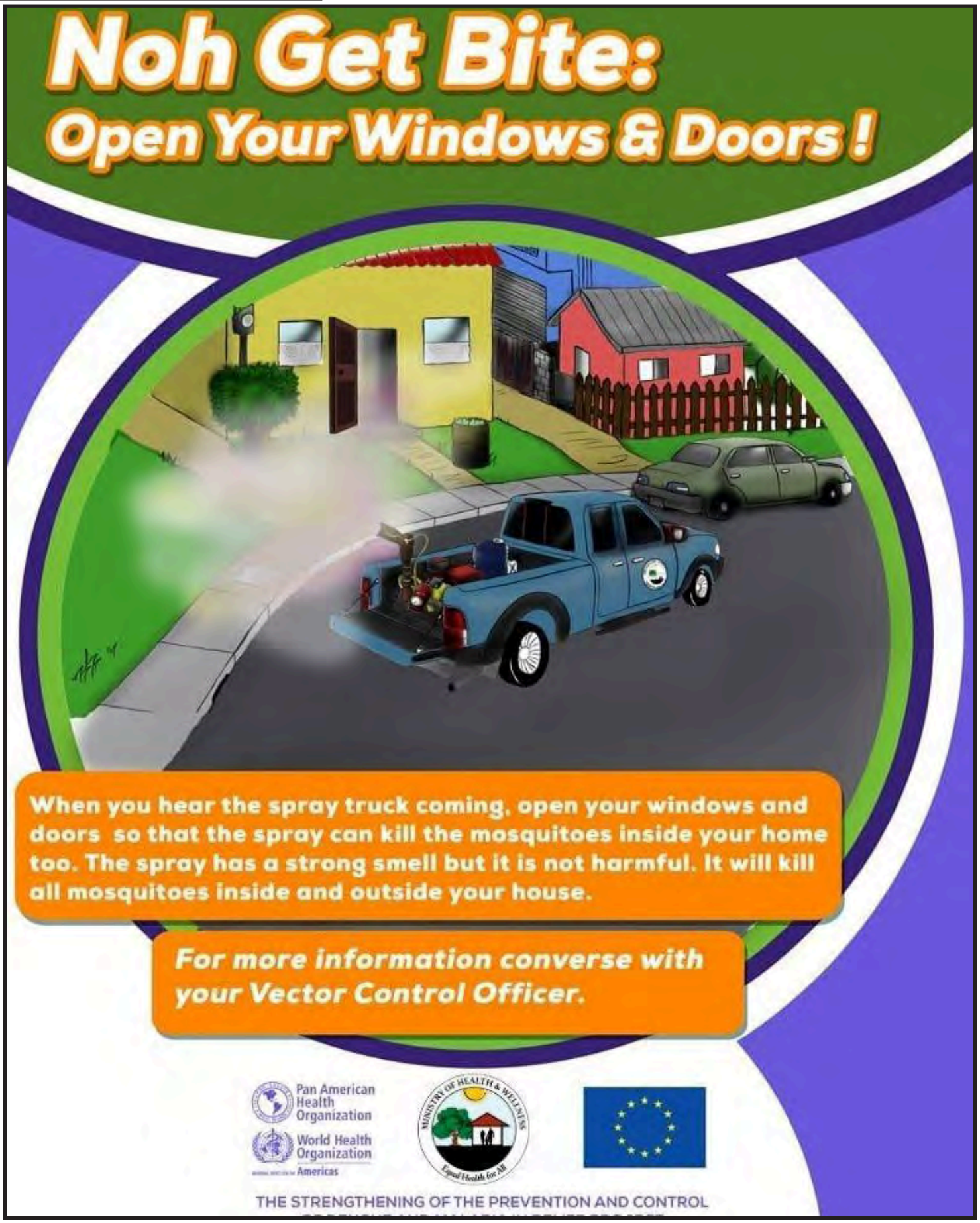
Leadership carries responsibility. It demands discipline, composure, and respect for the public. When behavior is perceived as drunken, brutish, or overly aggressive, it reflects not only on the individual involved but on the wider organization they represent. Whether those perceptions are fully accurate or not, they shape public confidence.

Is this truly the tone and culture the party's leadership wishes to be associated with? Are these the examples being set for young supporters and future leaders? This is not about personal attacks; it is about standards. Public officials and aspiring leaders are held to a higher bar because they seek the trust of the people.

Belize needs strong, principled leadership across all parties. Conduct matters. Tone matters. Character matters. This is not being drunk in the street's early morning for young people to see, set an example they can look up to.

The public is watching—and expecting better but let us see if change comes.

Sincerely,
T Henry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Open Your Windows & Doors!
When you hear the spray truck coming, open your windows and doors so that the spray can kill the mosquitoes inside your home too. The spray has a strong smell but it is not harmful. It will kill all mosquitoes inside and outside your house.
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Resilient Bold Belize
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Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: SAFEGUARDS AND GENDER OFFICER

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of Safeguards and Gender Officer under the Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems while promoting nature-based livelihoods and inclusive, people-centred conservation planning. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the GEF Project Manager, the Safeguards and Gender Officer will lead the implementation and monitoring of the project's Gender Action Plan (GAP), Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF), and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP). The Officer will ensure that gender equality, social inclusion, and environmental and social safeguards are fully integrated across all project components and that community engagement is conducted in an inclusive, equitable, and culturally sensitive manner.

Key Responsibilities

- Lead implementation of the Gender Action Plan (GAP) and ensure gender mainstreaming across project activities
- Oversee compliance with the Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF) and Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)
- Coordinate inclusive stakeholder consultations, including engagement with Indigenous and local communities
- Establish and manage the project's Grievance Redress Mechanism (GRM)
- Develop safeguard instruments (e.g., ESMPs, IPPs, LRPs) as required
- Support reporting, monitoring, and capacity building on safeguards and gender integration

Qualifications & Experience

- Bachelor's degree in Gender Studies, Social Sciences, Sustainable Development, or related field (advanced degree desirable).
- Minimum 3 years' experience in gender mainstreaming, social safeguards, and community engagement in Belize/Caribbean.
- Knowledge of safeguard frameworks, gender integration standards, and participatory planning.

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by **e-mailing**: rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz with the subject line **"Safeguards and Gender TOR."** Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's **Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages**.

Applications must be submitted no later than **Friday, March 6th, 2026 at 4:00 p.m.**
All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Committee. Only shortlisted candidates will be invited to interview. The Committee will conduct due diligence to verify the information provided in the CV and during the interview process.

Resilient Bold Belize
GEF Blue and Green Islands IP Child Project
Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit

VACANCY ANNOUNCEMENT: MONITORING AND EVALUATION OFFICER

Duty Station: Belize City

The Government of Belize, through the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit (BBFP), invites applications for the position of **Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management (MEK) Officer** under the **Resilient Bold Belize (RBB) Project**, part of the GEF Blue and Green Islands Integrated Program. The RBB Project supports the long-term conservation and resilience of Belize's marine and coastal ecosystems and promotes nature-based livelihoods through a Project Finance for Permanence (PFP) initiative led by BBFP. The project is executed by the Government of Belize (BBFP) with WWF-GEF US serving as the GEF Agency.

Position Summary

Under the supervision of the Project Manager, the MEK Officer will lead the implementation of the project's Monitoring, Evaluation and Knowledge Management systems. The Officer will ensure effective tracking of results, compliance with Government of Belize and WWF-GEF reporting requirements, and evidence-based adaptive management. The role includes maintaining the project Results Framework, overseeing work plan tracking, supporting Project Progress Reports, and strengthening partner monitoring systems across all project components.

Key Responsibilities:

- Implement and oversee the project's M&E Plan, Results Framework, and work plan tracking
- Monitor and analyse project performance data to support reporting and decision-making
- Support preparation of semi-annual and annual Project Progress Reports
- Conduct field verification visits and strengthen partner monitoring systems
- Design and manage a centralized M&E database
- Facilitate project learning, annual reviews, and knowledge products

Qualifications & Experience:

- Bachelor's degree in environmental science, Natural Resource Management, Program Evaluation, Statistics, Economics, or related field (Master's degree an asset).
- Minimum three (3) years' experience in M&E for donor-funded projects (e.g., GEF, UN, IDB, WB, CDB).
- Proven experience designing and implementing Results-Based Management (RBM) systems, indicators, baselines, and targets.
- Proficiency in statistical/analytical software (e.g., R, SPSS, Stata) and database tools (e.g., Excel, Smartsheet).

Interested applicants may request a copy of the Full Terms of Reference by **e-mailing**: rbbpm.bbfpunit@opm.gov.bz with the subject line **"M&E Officer TOR."** Full TOR is also available on the Blue Bond and Finance Permanence Unit's **Facebook, Instagram, and LinkedIn pages**.

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NOTICE

Request for Prequalification (RFPQ)

Utility-Scale Solar PV Projects in Belize (80 MW)

IFC International Finance Corporation WORLD BANK GROUP

Project Overview

Total Capacity: Up to 80 MW of grid-connected utility-scale solar PV

Sites: 3 to 4 locations across Belize

Commercial Structure: Independent Power Producer (IPP) model

Role of the Private Sector: Design, finance, construct, own, operate, and maintain the solar PV facilities

Belize Electricity Limited (BEL), in partnership with the Government of Belize (GoB) through the Ministry of Public Utilities, Energy and Logistics (MPUEL), and with advisory support from the International Finance Corporation (IFC), invites qualified private-sector developers to participate in a Request for Prequalification (RFPQ) for landmark utility-scale solar PV projects in Belize.

To deliver this initiative, the GoB has engaged the IFC, a member of the World Bank Group, acting through its Advisory Services division, as lead transaction advisor. The Project is being structured under the globally recognized Scaling Solar initiative, which promotes an open, competitive, and transparent procurement process to accelerate the deployment of privately owned utility-scale solar projects.

Procurement Process

The RFPQ represents the first stage of a competitive bidding process. Its purpose is to prequalify developers with the technical experience, financial capacity, and delivery capability required to implement large-scale solar PV projects within an accelerated timeframe. Only prequalified bidders will be invited to participate in the subsequent Request for Proposals (RFP) stage.

Objectives of the Project

This strategic investment is a cornerstone of Belize's energy transition and is intended to:

- Increase renewable energy generation to support Belize's target of 75% renewable electricity by 2030
- Reduce foreign exchange outflows associated with electricity imports
- Strengthen national energy security and system reliability

Access to RFPQ

The full RFQ document, including eligibility criteria, submission requirements, and timelines, is available at:

www.bel.com.bz/Tenders

Belize is open for clean energy investment. Qualified developers are encouraged to participate in this transformative project that will shape the country's sustainable energy future.

BELIZE TO BE IN SPOTLIGHT CARIBBEAN SUSTAINABLE TOURISM CONFERENCE (STC 2026)

"Tourism in Full Color: Integrating Blue, Green, Orange, and Beyond Economies into Sustainable Planning and Development."

Belize is the destination of choice to host the 17th edition of the Caribbean Conference on Sustainable Tourism Development (STC2026) on the beautiful island of San Pedro, Ambergris Caye from April 26 to 30. Belize is considered a "natural fit" as a destination with some of the premier sustainable tourism sites in the broader Caribbean region. Regional and international tourism leaders will convene on La Isla Bonita under this year's theme "Tourism in Full Color: Integrating Blue, Green, Orange, and Beyond Economies into Sustainable Planning and Development."

According to Dona Regis-Prosper, the Caribbean Tourism Organization's (CTO), Secretary General, "*STC 2026 reflects the Caribbean's commitment to reimagining tourism as a powerful driver of inclusive growth, climate resilience, and cultural vitality."* Regis-Prosper reflected that *"By embracing a Tourism in Full Color approach, we are encouraging destinations to move beyond fragmented planning and instead adopt integrated models that balance environmental stewardship, cultural identity, community well-being, and economic opportunity*."

In a statement provided to Caribbean Journal, the Minister of Tourism, Diaspora Relations, Youth and Sports, Hon. Anthony Mahler, said, "***Belize is deeply honoured to host STC 2026 and to welcome regional and international leaders to our shores***." Hon Mahler emphasized that "***This conference underscores Belize's commitment to sustainable tourism and reinforces our role as a catalyst for innovation and responsible growth in the Caribbean***." Furthermore, the "***STC 2026 will serve as a dynamic platform for bold ideas and strategic partnerships. I invite industry partners and policymakers to join us as we help shape a sustainable future for Caribbean tourism***."

Caribbean Tourism Organization

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The CTO submitted that the conference will be anchored in an integrated development framework that links multi-tourism economies, including the Blue Economy, focused on the responsible use of marine and coastal resources; the Green Economy, advancing climate-resilient, low-carbon and nature-positive tourism solutions; and the Orange Economy, emphasising culture, heritage and the creative industries. Related to the theme "Beyond economies" the CTO will also explore the "Purple Economy" with a focus on values, social cohesion, identity, well-being and inclusive growth.

As a part of the STC 2026, the four-day event will feature a ministerial round-table, expert plenaries, concurrent technical sessions, master classes and field-based learning experiences focused on sustainable tourism practices. Additionally, sessions will address topics including blue and green financing, climate risk management, regenerative tourism, cultural tourism, creative industries and governance models for emerging tourism frameworks.

Importantly, the 17th edition of the STC 2026 will allow Belize to showcase to the region and the world, the "wealth untold". The Jewel's has a diverse blend of ecotourism, nature adventure, the majestic paradise of flora and fauna, the great Blue Hole, bordered by the second longest barrier reef, temples of the rulers of the Maya civilization, and the rich cultural heritage to offer.

By Hilly Bennett

REQUEST FOR BID (GOODS)

WORLD BANK GROUP

ACQUISITION OF GOODS: FIELD GEAR AND PPE EQUIPMENT

Institution: Ministry of Finance
Country: Belize
Project: Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project
Process ID: BZ-MFEDI - CEU-529614-GO-RFQ
Deadline: **March 16, 2026; 10:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time)**

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the World Bank for the Belize Blue Cities and Beyond Project, being implemented by the Ministry of Finance.

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds for the purchase of **Field Gear and PPE Equipment** (hereinafter called "Goods").

No.	Goods	Quantity
Lot 1	WQM Field Equipment	Available in the bidding document
Lot 2	WQM Field Equipment (misc.)	Available in the bidding document
Lot 3	Lab Equipment	Available in the bidding document
Lot 4	Reagents & Standards	Available in the bidding document

Bidders may submit a bid for **One Lot or for All Lots**. Each bid must include every item within the selected lot to be considered responsive.

The Ministry of Finance invites bidders to access the complete bidding document at https://mof.gov.bz/procurement-opportunities/ or by scanning the QR code below, and to submit bids in accordance with the instructions provided in the bidding document.

ATTN:
Procurement Specialist
Ministry of Finance
2nd Floor, Sir Edney Cain Building, Belmopan
Tel: 501-822-4106
procurement@ceu.mof.gov.bz

PUBLIC NOTICE

APPLICATION FOR SPECTRUM AUTHORIZATION

Notice is hereby given that Media House Consultants, Reef Radio Building, Pescador Drive, San Pedro, Belize, has applied to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) of Belize for a Spectrum Authorization under the Telecommunications Act and associated Regulations.

The applicant seeks authorization to operate a commercial FM radio broadcasting station on frequency **92.3 MHz (FM)** with an Effective Radiated Power (ERP) of **1,000 Watts, (1 kW).**

The proposed service area will cover **San Pedro, Caye Caulker and the surrounding Cayes.**

Location of Transmitter & Tower, Reef Radio Building, San Pedro Belize.

Any interested party may make representations, comments, or objections regarding this application. Such submissions must be made in writing to:

The Executive Director
Public Utilities Commission
2nd Floor, Marina Towers, Newton Barracks
Belize City, Belize

Email: info@puc.bz

Submissions must be received by the Commission no later than fourteen (14) days from the date of publication of this notice.

Cybersecurity Assessment Maturity Consultation Review Meeting

"...the country's growing momentum in enhancing its cybersecurity landscape"

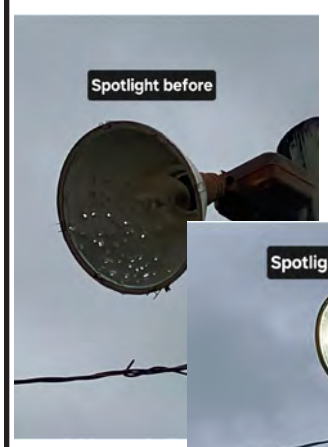
On February 20, 2026, as part of the ongoing national cybersecurity assessment consultation initiated by the World Bank in November 2025, the Ministry of E-Governance convened a follow-up meeting with key stakeholders at the Grand Resort and Residences in Belize City.

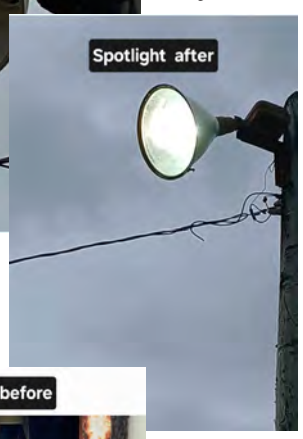
Representatives from government ministries, regulators, civil society, and academia met with the World Bank cybersecurity delegation, led by Dr. Giacomo Assenza, to review the draft findings from the initial national assessment. The report highlights the country's growing momentum in enhancing its cybersecurity landscape, noting progress such as strengthened central leadership and advancements in incident response capabilities. The World Bank presented a five-year plan to enhance trust, expand national capacity, and align practices to support a resilient and coordinated cybersecurity environment. The final report will incorporate stakeholder feedback before being released publicly.

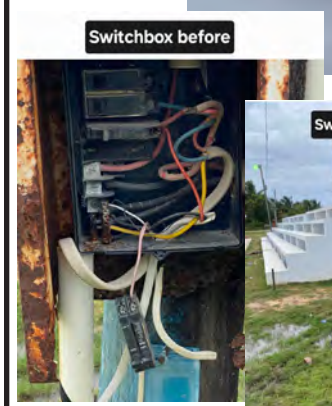
This first event of the year marks an important step in ongoing collaboration between the Ministry of E-Governance and partners across the public and private sectors to advance national cybersecurity efforts. (release)

Upkeep in Port

LIGHTS RESTORED AT JANE USHER BASKETBALL COURT







For the benefit of the community over the weekend, I restored both spotlights and the electrical switchbox at the Jane Usher Basketball in Port Loyola.

With the restoration of the lights the youths can enjoy playing basketball, football, and other recreational activities at court at night, and it's much safer for residents who have to work at night or early in the morning to travel to and from their homes.

Major improvements are also planned for both the basketball court on Neal's Pen Rd and the Cumberbatch Field on Faber's Rd.

Hon. Gilroy Usher continues to prove that he is an excellent servant leader for all constituents of Port Loyola.

REQUEST FOR BID (GOODS)

WORLD BANK GROUP

SUPPLY & DELIVERY OF OFFICE FURNITURE & EQUIPMENT

Institution: Ministry of Finance

Country: Belize

Project: Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project

Process ID: BZ-MFEDI-CEU-483430-GO-RFB

Deadline: **March 18, 2026; 9:00 a.m. (Local Belize Time) (EXTENSION)**

The Government of Belize (GOB) has received loan financing from the World Bank (WB) for the execution of the Project**: "**Belize Reliant and Resilient Energy System Project".

The Ministry of Finance, through its Central Executing Unit, intends to allocate a portion of the project's proceeds for the purchase of Office Furniture & Equipment (hereinafter called "Goods").

No.	Item	Specifications & Quantity
Lot 1	Computer Equipment	Available in the bidding documents
Lot 2	Camera Drones	Available in the bidding documents
Lot 3	Office Furniture	Available in the bidding documents

Bidders may submit a Bid for ONE LOT or for ALL THREE Lots. Each bid submitted must include every item within the selected lot to be considered responsive.

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CALL FOR PROPOSALS

Institution: Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management

Tender: 24-HOUR ARMED SECURITY AND SURVEILLANCE SERVICES AT THE GREEN BUILDING COMPLEX, 7552 HUMMINGBIRD HIGHWAY, BELMOPAN CITY.

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Sustainable Development, Climate Change & Solid Waste Management, invites qualified and reputable **Security Companies** to submit detailed proposals for 2**4-Hour Armed Security and Surveillance Services at The Green Building Complex, 7552 Hummingbird Highway, Belmopan City.** The duration of the contract is for a **period of two (2) years upon signing.**

Objective of the Service:

The objective is to ensure the safety, security, and integrity of the building, its occupants, and the premises through reliable and effective security and surveillance systems.

Specific objectives include and are not limited to:

i. Regulation and monitoring of all activity on the compound during both day and night, documenting and logging all vehicles, personnel, visitors, and guests entering the Ministry compound.

ii. Perform any additional security-related tasks as may be mutually agreed upon by the Parties from time to time.

The full Terms of Reference, which includes requirements, expected services, standards and instructions

for the submission process, can be obtained by sending a request to:

Email: procurement.officerAenvironment.gov.bz

CC: procurement.asstAenvironment.gov.bz

and rodriguezLPE@environment.gov.bz

Deadline for Submission: March 13th, 2026, 10:00 AM

VOICE OF THE COMMON MAN

BELIZE REPRESENTED in UWI's E-MOBILITY LAB LAUNCH

By Hilly Bennett

Building E-Vehicles From Chassis Up & Preparing For The Future Of The Transportation Industry

Belize, through the Ministry of Transportation, has committed to the modernization of Belize's public transportation system. On Tuesday 17th February 2026 in Belmopan, the Ministry of Transport held a press conference with stakeholders to provide an update to the public regarding their five-year plan for the transportation industry. The primary objective of the Ministry of Transport is to create a modern, safe, reliable, efficient, and green intercity transport system. The ministry launched the National Bus Company (NBC), a public-private partnership, and introduced electric buses to the national highway.

This follows the successful launch of the eMobility pilot project by Mayor Bernard Wagner which has had rave reviews. The idea of e-vehicles serves not only for a greener sustainable environment but also as an opportunity for work in the repair and maintenance of these vehicles. The NBC has announced that by the end of August 2026, the industry will be transitioning from diesel buses to electric vehicles by August of this year. Incidentally, in early 2026 the Government of Belize held meetings with Taiwanese manufacturers, including MASTER and Imeier Green Technology Corporation, to discuss the sale of electric buses and potential local manufacturing.

Interestingly, Eric Vernon, an automotive instructor, who is employed at the Institute for Technical and Vocational Education and Training (ITVET) in Belize was one of the regional participants at the official opening for the University of the West Indies (UWI) E-Mobility Lab where they assembled a fully functional electric vehicle from chassis up. The other participants were from Antigua, Grenada, Jamaica, St Kitts and Nevis, and St Lucia.

The initiative is being supported by the JPS Foundation, the German Government and UWI's Faculty of Science and Technology. To the organisers of the event, the building of the prototype is considered not just a vehicle, but hands-on training, innovation in action and a bold move towards sustainable transportation in the Caribbean. Although Belize has not engaged in the assembly of e-vehicles, the experience at the E-Lab initiative has allowed Vernon a fresh insight into the field. Vernon explained that "*The systematic way the installation was done, from start to finish, afforded me a greater appreciation of the intricacies of the operation of electric vehicles." Vernon is not new to the operation of electric vehicles as he proffered that he is guided by the Caribbean Vocational Qualification curriculum, which gives him leverage to add electric/hybrid vehicles. "Collectively, we do a lot of research to enhance our knowledge in Internal Combustion Engines and Electric Vehicles.*"

In an interview following the ceremonial ribbon-cutting event declaring the UWI's E-Lab fully functional, Vernon expressed that "*Knowing our hand prints are forever etched in this E-Mobility Lab for generations to come as a result of our collaborative efforts is beyond words*."

With the projected transition from diesel to e-buses and the approach to modernizing Belize's Transportation industry, Vernon's experience at the UWI E-Lab launch is timely and applicable in building a workforce that can repair and maintain the electric vehicles and eventually become an income earner in the field of electric vehicles.

This was Vernon's second trip to Jamaica as he previously attended a trainer workshop that provided advanced skills covering diagnostics, maintenance, and repair technologies at the Jamaican-German Automotive School. He considered the experience enlightening.

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: PROPERTIES

Trial Farm, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties. Sales currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties are sold.

1. Parcel No. 673 Mahogany Street, Trial Farm Village, Orange Walk District:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Trial Farm	4	673
The Freehold property of Ms. Carmi Puck.		

2. Parcel No. 1344 San Francisco Street, Orange Walk Town, Orange Walk District:

Registration Section	Block	Parcel
Orange Walk Town	4	1344
The freehold property of Ms. Ginnel Ozaeta.		

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PUBLIC AUCTION SALE: CATAMARAN & VEHICLES

Chuck and Robbie's Dock, Beach Front, Boca Del Rio, San Pedro, Ambergris Caye; Vehicles - Belize City, Belize

BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. Atlantic Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following catamaran and vehicles. Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the date and time listed on the website until this catamaran and vehicles are sold.

45FT' FIBERGLASS CATAMARAN

VEHICLES

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REQUEST FOR BIDS (RFB) #01/26
SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VEHICLES

Institution: Ministry of Home Affairs and Enterprise
Country: Belize
Deadline: 5 March 2025; 10:00 am (Local Belize Time)

The Ministry of Home Affairs and Enterprise hereby invites tenders for the Supply and Delivery of vehicles that will form part of the vehicle fleet for the Belize Police Department.
Questions and or clarifications on this tender should be made in writing via email to **ceo.secretary@homeaffairs.gov.bz** before the deadline for clarification on 2nd March 2026 at 4pm. The Ministry of Home Affairs and Enterprise now invites eligible bidders to submit for the following:

No.	Item	Brief Description	Quantity
1	Vehicle	Pick up Trucks	12

Bids should be deposited in person, in the Tender Box at the Ministry of Home Affairs and Enterprise, No. 1902 Ground Floor Constitution Drive, City of Belmopan in a sealed envelope clearly marked TENDER FOR SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF VEHICLES.

The deadline for the submission of bids is 5th March 2026, at 10:00 am. Bids will be opened on the same day at 10:15 am at the Ministry of Home Affairs conference room, in the presence of the bidders (or their representative(s)) who choose to attend. Late bids will not be accepted and any bid submitted after the deadline will be returned unopened.

The Ministry of Home Affairs reserves the right to cancel the entire proceedings at any time without incurring any cost. Interested bidders can access the Instructions to Bidder and details on the specification for this tender online at https://procurement.gov.bz/opportunities, and to submit bids in accordance with the instructions provided.

Chief Executive Officer
Ministry of Home Affairs and Enterprise
No. 1902 Ground Floor,
Constitution Drive
Belmopan
Telephone number: 822- 0842
Email **ceo.secretary@homeaffairs.gov.bz.**

PUP's NPC Celebration of PL's 10th
"The Party as Memory"

By Rick Moguel

It was a cool Sunday morning in Orange Walk, one of those Mesoamerican towns where history does not sit in museums but lives in street names, in church bells, in the cadence of ordinary talk. The air carried that particular northern Belize stillness: not silence, but restraint. A town awake early, disciplined by habit, and by the old Catholic clock.

Many of us had skipped breakfast. Not from poverty, though Belize knows that discipline too, but because there was an engagement that required a certain readiness, the kind our parents understood instinctively: when the Party calls, you show up prepared, not pampered.

Some had already attended Mass at La Inmaculada Concepción, the old Catholic anchor of this town. That detail matters. Belizean politics have never been purely secular. It has always moved through the same social arteries as faith, school, and family. In small towns especially, political life does not begin at the microphone; it begins at the church steps, the roadside shops, the bus stops, the quiet nods between people who know one another's surnames and stories.

At 7:30 a.m., we began assembling at Shell One Stop, preparing for the two-hour journey to Belmopan. Familiar faces arrived, some worn by time, some newly sharpened by youth. A few young ones carried the blue-and-white flag of the People's United Party, now seventy-five years old, an artifact of Belize's modern political birth.

This was not a mob. It was not a riot.

It was not "street politics" in the sensational sense.

It was an assembly of friends, an extended family. The mood was gleeful, not combative. The gathering carried the energy of reunion, the warmth of continuity. In Belize, parties are not merely institutions. They are genealogies. They pass through generations like a surname. And when you see the old faces beside the young ones, you are watching political history reproduce itself in real time.

Memory does not travel politely. It arrives like weather.

My mind moved back to the days when we stood on the periphery of political renovation, when we supported Said Musa to become party leader and, eventually, Prime Minister. Those were years of national optimism, a period when Belize still believed that modern governance could be clean, and that the post-independence state could mature into a serious democracy.

But history has a way of punishing naïveté.

The cycle shifted. On February 7, 2008, the PUP suffered national defeat. The victory that the UDP inherited came wrapped in national hope, but it did not mature into national upliftment. It became something else: a bitter, prolonged disappointment. Over thirteen years, UDP corruption did not merely occur, it expanded, deepened, and normalized. It became, in effect, a method of rule. This is not partisan exaggeration. It is an observable pattern in postcolonial states: when institutions are weak, when public service is underpaid, when political loyalty becomes currency, corruption is not an accident, it is an economic system. And Belize paid the price.

In Belize, political defeat is never just electoral. It becomes psychological. It raises existential questions: who are we without power? What are we when we are not distributing jobs, contracts, and favors? Are we still a movement, or only a machine? Leadership struggles became intense and divisive. The party, once unified by the gravity of George Price, began to fracture into camps, what Belizeans know too well: fiefdoms, rivalries, personal kingdoms. Yet a few remained faithful, not to personalities, but to the deeper idea that the PUP once represented: Serve the People.

That thirteen-year forced hiatus did something important. It tempered resolve. It forced discipline. It re-energized a group of Orange Walk friends, people who walked beside John Briceño, planned with him, executed with him, stayed loyal through the years when loyalty was no longer fashionable. In a party wounded by defeat and tempered by political exile, divisiveness breeds defeat. That is a historical rule in Belizean politics as consistent as rainfall. But Orange Walk Central forged a unity that eventually spread outward. The PUP, gradually, was transformed from warring internal territories into a single fighting body again. By January 2016, Johnny became the undisputed leader of the PUP.

Those were the fighting days: not romantic days, fighting days. They sealed friendships that pre-dated Johnny's political journey and strengthened others born inside the furnace of national struggle. Those trips felt different: more energized, more disciplined. Perhaps age is speaking too, because when you have lived long enough, you stop being seduced by political glamour. You begin to value something else: coherence, loyalty, conviction. And in a strange way, the oppressive weight of the Barrow-era became a unifying force. Belize has seen this before. When a regime becomes too heavy-handed, it accidentally manufactures resistance. It pushes

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PUP's NPC Celebration of PL's 10th "The Party as Memory"

fragmented groups into one line, not because they suddenly love each other, but because survival requires unity.

By 8:00 a.m., we were on the road, and served. To outsiders, this may seem like a trivial detail. It is not. In Belize, politics is not only policy, it is hospitality. Food is the social glue of collective life. Sharing food on a political journey is a quiet statement: we are together; we are not strangers; we are comrades.

But more important than the food was the person sitting next to me: the editor of the Belize Times. Two issues matter here. The editor is Tony Jimenez, an old friend, and one of those original members of the resistance generation. In 2008, he joined the fold when Johnny introduced him to us at a meeting in my house: young, educated, overflowing with ideas, and knowledgeable in a field that once felt revolutionary in Belize, computers. He arrived at the right time in the right place. And like the best political workers, he did not quit when the kitchen became too hot. He fought. He stayed. He understood what too many Belizeans forget: political movements do not survive on speeches. They survive on organizers.

The second issue is the Belize Times itself. The first issue of the Belize Times came out on September 29, 1956, founded by George Cadle Price, who was also its first editor. This is not a minor historical footnote. The Belize Times was, and remains, the official mouthpiece of the PUP. It is one of the key instruments through which Belizean nationalism educated itself, disciplined itself, and spoke to itself. In the mid-twentieth century, the Belize Times was not merely a newspaper. It was a political classroom. It trained a people to imagine independence before independence arrived. It taught Belizeans to think beyond colonial vocabulary. It helped create the language of nationhood.

So to sit beside its editor on that road to Belmopan was to sit beside a living extension of that tradition: the press not as entertainment, but as political memory.

Conversation made the time pass quickly, ideas, concerns, strategy. Good food, good talk, and a date with the Party: those were the ingredients of a Sunday "coming down," Belizean-style. And before we knew it, we were in Belmopan for our 10:00 a.m. appointment.

There we met many of the resistance generals, fighters, organizers, long-haul loyalists, and many new faces too. The PUP, like any living movement, needs renewal not as decoration but as survival. A party that cannot attract new blood becomes a museum. A party that cannot honor old fighters becomes a fraud.

The National Party Council was a needed success. Unity was reaffirmed, not in slogans, but in presence. In politics, attendance is a form of allegiance. People do not travel for two hours on a Sunday morning for nothing. They travel because something in them still believes. And this meeting came as a reprieve.

The PUP had been under consistent attack by Channel 7, particularly in the politicization of the BTL issue. Political actors and would-be politicians saw it as a horse to ride, an opportunity to destabilize, embarrass, and weaken. Belizean politics has always had this opportunistic tradition: when the state acts, the critics do not critique policy; they weaponize perception. So this council, this gathering, this visible reaffirmation of unity, mattered. It was a moment of consolidation. Then, as quickly as it began, the meeting ended.

And the Orange Walk Central PUP office offered what might be the most Belizean political meal possible: fire-hearth rice and beans, with traditional potato salad, fried plantains, and baked chicken. Again: outsiders will miss the meaning. In Belize, rice and beans is not just food. It is social truth. It is the national sacrament. It is the equalizer of class. It is the reminder that, whatever our ethnic diversity, we still share a table. My salute to the PUP chef. Best rice and beans I had lately.

To crown the day, I rode back home with my long-lost friend, Dennis Johnson. Friendship in Belize is not casual. It is not disposable. It is not a networking tool. It is an institution, one of the few institutions that has survived colonialism, poverty, and modern cynicism.

And that is why, after all the politics, the day resolves into something deeper: It feels good to be in Belize. Belize is home. And there is no other place that can replace it. Because Belize is not simply territory. Belize is belonging. We still carry an unbroken allegiance, not merely to a party, but to a tradition born in Orange Walk and carried to the nation: a tradition of leadership rooted in conviction, and a nationalism that once meant more than elections. We are here because Belize is ours. Freedom thrives when people defend it, not only with votes, but with discipline, unity, and memory.

And now the struggle is shifting again: from political independence toward something harder and more dangerous, economic independence in a country full of ethnic diversity, yes. But one destiny.

Ya da fu we Belize.

Belice vencerá

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

REQUEST FOR BIDS
(Non-Consulting Services)

General Security and Surveillance Services for the Sir Edney Cain Building in Belmopan 2026 – 2028

Process ID: MOF/RFB/01-2026
Deadline: March 13, 2026

The Ministry of Finance hereby invites tenders from qualified Security Companies in Belize to provide Security and Surveillance Services for the Sir Edney Cain Building in Belmopan for the period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028.

Interested bidders can access the full notice, including the Instructions to Bidders and specifications for this tender, online at ***https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-general-security-and-surveillance-services-firm-mof-rfb-01-2026-mof-2026/*** or by scanning the QR code below.

Bids must be prepared and submitted strictly in accordance with the Instructions to Bidders contained in the full notice.

Deadline for the submission of Bids is March 13, 2026 at 9:00 AM.

Ministry of Finance
Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan, Belize
828-4112

MINISTRY OF FINANCE

REQUEST FOR BIDS
(Non-Consulting Services)

Electrical and Air Conditioning Maintenance Services for the Sir Edney Cain Building in Belmopan 2026 – 2028

Process ID: MOF/RFB/02-2026
Deadline: March 13, 2026

The Ministry of Finance hereby invites tenders from qualified Companies in Belize to provide Electrical and Air Conditioning Maintenance Services for the Sir Edney Cain Building in Belmopan, for the period April 1, 2026 to March 31, 2028.

Interested bidders can access the full notice, including the Instructions to Bidders and specifications for this tender, online at ***https://procurement.gov.bz/mof-electrical-and-air-conditioning-maintenance-services-firm-mof-rfb-02-2026-mof-2026/*** or by scanning the QR code below.

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Sir Edney Cain Building
Belmopan, Belize
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Economic Transformation Hosts Climate Finance Coordination

The Government of Belize, through the Ministry of Economic Transformation (MET), convened a Climate Finance Coordination Meeting on Monday, February 23, 2026, at the Grand Resort and Residences in Belize City. The meeting brought together key partners and stakeholders to enhance coordination and strengthen alignment across climate-related initiatives in Belize, including representatives from the World Bank (WB), CABEI, Green Climate Fund (GCF), PACT, Development Finance Corporation (DFC), Inter-American Development Bank (IDB), Caribbean Community Climate Change Centre (CCCCC), and other line Ministries.

As Belize's National Designated Authority to the Green Climate Fund (GCF) and the Adaptation Fund, MET continues to advance a cohesive and strategic national approach to climate finance. The meeting focused on two primary objectives: improving coordination within the national climate finance framework through strengthened information sharing and priority alignment; and minimizing duplication across programmes, projects, and financing mechanisms to enhance efficiency and development impact.

Opening remarks were delivered by Dr. Hon. Osmond Martinez, Minister of State in the Ministry of Economic Transformation, and Mr. Carlos Pol, Chief Executive Officer. In his remarks, Minister Martinez reaffirmed Belize's commitment to climate resilience, noting, "*Belize continues to champion climate finance to help the most vulnerable people and productive sectors suffering from climate change.*"

The agenda included presentations outlining the mandate and responsibilities of MET's Policy and Planning Unit, the role of the Climate Finance Unit, and an overview of the CFU's current project portfolio. Participants engaged in constructive dialogue aimed at strengthening collaboration, identifying synergies, and ensuring that ongoing interventions are effectively aligned with national priorities. Discussions also highlighted the CFU's project pipeline, identified sectoral investment gaps, and explored opportunities to improve the sequencing and coordination of partner support.

A featured session on "GCF Latest Changes and Expectations" was delivered by Mr. Cayetano Casado, Subregional Head for the Caribbean, Department of Latin America and the Caribbean, Green Climate Fund.

Emphasizing the importance of institutional alignment, CEO Pol stated, "*Accessing climate finance is not only about funding; it is about readiness, coherence, and the ability of our institutions to work together effectively. Strong coordination allows us to present a clear national vision to partners, close technical gaps, and accelerate implementation.*" (release)

2024 lookback: The Climate Finance Unit (CFU), established in 2022 within the Ministry of Economic Development, focuses on accessing climate finance to support Belize's adaptation and mitigation targets. Within two years, the CFU has secured $166 million USD in climate funds, for environmentally sustainable sectors in Belize. The same is being expect today in 2026. Key CFU projects included a $77.6 million initiative to enhance the resilience of Northern Sugarcane Farmers. That project was to benefit 5,000 farmers and strengthen Belize's sugar industry, a critical economic sector. Additionally, CFU led a $44 million IDB-funded wastewater and solid waste management project on Caye Caulker to enhance the island's environmental health. Through the IDB Clima initiative, Belize could have received a 5% loan rebate by achieving climate and biodiversity targets.

Today the Ministry of Economic Transformation looks forward to convening these coordination meetings on a quarterly basis to further strengthen collaboration and improve project implementation across Belize's climate finance landscape.

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BY ORDER of the Mortgagees Messrs. The Belize Bank Limited, Licensed Auctioneers Kevin A. Castillo and Christiana R. Castillo are selling ONLINE via belizepropertyauctions.com the following properties, vehicles and vessel. Sale currently running and will expire fortnightly on the dates and times listed on the website until these properties, vehicles and vessel are sold.

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Registration Section	Block	Parcel
St. Martin De Porres	45	28/1
The Leasehold property of Ms. Stephanie Pitterson		

2. Lot No. 192 Near Mile 16.5 George Price Highway, Hattieville, Belize District:

ALL THAT piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 192 comprising 833.33 square yards of land situate in "Belize/ American Site area, Hattieville, Belize District. The leasehold property of Mr. Denvor Fairweather.

3. Lot No.4 on Mahogany Street, East Succotz Village, Cayo District:

All that piece or parcel of land being Lot No. 4, situate East of Succotz Village, Cayo District, containing 0.257 acres of land held being the freehold property of Mr. Luis Itza.

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MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

GROUND FLOOR RENOVATION PROJECT AT THE MIDH MAIN ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH), intends to renovate the ground floor at the MIDH Main Administration Building in Belmopan.

Provided there are no delays, construction is expected to start within a month. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors in the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

The Project is being implemented by the MIDH, Project Execution Unit (PEU). An Engineering Coordinator within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

The Scope of Works will include:

- Demolition
- Floor Levelling
- Installation of Sheetrock Walls and Finishing Works
- Electrical Works
- Installation of Doors and Windows
- Acoustic Drop Ceiling
- Painting and Finishing
- Installation of Floor Tiles
- Installation of A/C Systems

Consideration will be given to local firms who have qualified extensive experience in projects of similar size and complexity.

Minimum Qualification Criteria:

- General Construction Experience: 3 Years
- Specific Construction Experience in Projects of a Similar Nature
- Contract Management Experience: 3 Years
- Construction Experience in a Project of Similar Size and Complexity (one)
- Access to Line of Credit: $100,000.00
- Average annual turnover of minimum: Bz$250,000.00
- Qualified registered Engineer: 5 years' experience

Effective **Monday 2 March 2026**, Bidding Documents are available at a cost of **Bz$250.00** from the address below.

Bidders shall submit proposals (one original and one copy) in a sealed envelope to the address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant and be clearly marked "**Bid Submission for the Ground Floor Renovation Project at the MIDH Main Administration Building**".

A site meeting shall be conducted on **Friday 6 March 2026** at **10:00am** at the MIDH Headquarters in Belmopan.

All Bidding Documents shall reach the office of the Chief Engineer/Engineering Coordinator at the address below no later than **Friday 13 March 2026** at **10:00 a.m**. The Ministry shall not be bound to assign any reason for not post-qualifying any contractor and shall not accept responsibility for any cost incurred by the applicants.

Attention: **Mr. Evondale Moody**
Chief Engineer / Engineering Coordinator
Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing
Power Lane
Belmopan
BELIZE C.A.
Tel: +501-828-5221
Email: peu@midh.gov.bz

MINISTRY OF INFRASTRUCTURE DEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING

PROCUREMENT NOTICE

REMOVAL OF EXISTING SWING BRIDGE SUPERSTRUCTURE

The Government of Belize (GOB), through the Ministry of Infrastructure Development and Housing (MIDH) intends to remove the old existing Swing Bridge Superstructure in Belize City in preparation for a new and modern bridge.

Provided there are no delays, removal is expected to commence within two months. The MIDH hereby invites interested contractors in executing the civil works to be part of this bidding process.

The Project is being implemented by the MIDH, Project Execution Unit (PEU). An Engineering Coordinator within the PEU will be responsible for the day-to-day management of project activities.

The Scope of Works will include:

- Removal of the entire steel superstructure of the Swing Bridge, including deck, steel beams and steel center support and turning mechanism.
- The superstructure is to be removed from the site.
- All efforts shall be taken to remove the mechanical turning mechanism in one piece.
- Concrete abutments and center caisson will remain.

Consideration will be given to local firms who have qualified extensive experience in works of a similar size and complexity.

Minimum Qualification Criteria:

- General Construction Experience: 5 Years
- Specific Construction Experience in works of a similar nature: 3 Years
- Contract Management Experience: 3 Years
- Construction Experience in a Project of Similar Size and Complexity (one)
- Access to Line of Credit: $150,000.00
- Average annual turnover of minimum: Bz$400,000.00
- Qualified registered Engineer: 5 years' experience

Effective **Monday 2 March 2026**, Bidding Documents are available at a cost of **Bz$500.00** from the address below.

Bidders shall submit proposals (one original and one copy) in a sealed envelope to the address below. The sealed envelope containing each submission must include the name and address of the applicant and be clearly marked "**Bid Submission for the Removal of Existing Swing Bridge Superstructure**".

A pre-bid meeting shall be conducted on **Friday 6 March 2026** at **10:00am** at the project site in Belize City.

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LIQUOR LICENSE NOTICES

Notice is hereby given that **Froila M. Tzul** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Las Cuatro Reynas"** located on 8th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Alberto U. Sosa** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Beto's Panades"** located on 4th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Barbara P. Quetzal** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Selene's Restaurant"** located in Progresso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Edith Guy** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"J & J Mini Shop"** located in Dominguez Layout, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Efrian C. Phillips** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Jah Mundo"** located in Finca Solana Area, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marwin A. Humes** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Maximum Café "** located on 1st Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marwin A. Humes** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Maximum Uppah Deck "** located on 1st Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Gabriela Chuc** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Diana's Store "** located in Chan Chen Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Anthony F. Rancharan** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Midnight Moss Restaurant & Lounge "** located on 5th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ronel C. Santoya** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"El Puesto Cool Spot"** located in Chunox Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Travis O. Waight** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"422 Roadkill "** located on 1st Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Arthur Saldano** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Miracle Hotel "** located on South End, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ursino Flores** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Tiding Shop"** located in Chunox Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Ovidio Moroy** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Esperanza Store"** located in Sarteneja Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Victor M. Carrillo** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Melody Y Los 3 Hermanos"** located in Louisville Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Vicky X. Cowo** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Vicsia's Cool Spot"** located in Progresso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Sunil M. Talreja** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Krishna's Shivam's Grocery Shop"** located in Progresso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Denzel S. Zetina** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Zet's Mini Shop"** located in San Pedro Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marcos J. Chable** is applying for a **Night Club Liquor License** to be operated at **"Angle Mark Cool Spot"** located in Hermelinda Layout, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Elvira S. Herrera** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Pasadina Restaurant & Bar"** located in Ranchito Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rosa I. Tzul** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Rosie's On The Go"** located in San Joaquin Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Perla L. Marin** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"E-Mart Buena Vista"** located in Buena Vista Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd/Sergio Espadas** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on Port Saul Road, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd/Teresa De Jesus Rivas** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located in Louisville Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd/Neby N. Pinkey** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on Olga Marin Dr., Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd/Ileana A. Castillo** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on Altamira Road, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd/Maria G. Palencia** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located in San Roman Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd/Antonio G. Hernandez** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located in San Joaquin Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd/Eric L. Henderson** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on 4th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Bowen & Bowen Ltd/Eric L. Henderson** is applying for a **Convenience Store Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located on Santa Rita Rd., Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juana E. Menjivar** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Naybaz"** located in Finca Solana Area, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Estevan B. Vasquez** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Zeidiany Grocery Shop"** located in Chunox Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Rochelly K. Montejo** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cartagena Lounge"** located in Paraiso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Estevan S. Perez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Micheladas Abi"** located in Louisville Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Erica Jackman** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Roadway Bz"** located on 7th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Marco Gongora** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Adolfo's Restaurant"** located in Concepcion Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Vishal Harwani** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Roshni Supermarket"** located on 4th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **SP Super Savers Company Ltd.** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Savemart Super Store"** located on 3rd Street South, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Glenford Godoy** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Corozal Service Station Limited"** located on 7th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Stephen J. Honeybill** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Crimson Orchid Inn"** located in Orchid Bay, Chunox Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Noely Castaneda** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Noely's Palmitas Mini Shop"** located in Santa Clara Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Krishton Little** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"La Piccola Pizzeria Limited"** located on Consejo Road, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Kayla J. Verde** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Mirador Restaurant & Lounge"** located in Sarteneja Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Antonio Magana** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cucho's Oasis"** located in San Joaquin Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jennifer & William Bellerjeau** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cerros Beach Inn"** located in Copper Bank Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Juana Yascal** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Vnney Cool Spot"** located in San Narciso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Xiaolan Tan** is applying for a **Beer Liquor License** to be operated at **"Auntie Z Kitchen"** located on 7th Avenue, Corozal Town, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Karina DELValle Tun** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cerveceria Y Antojos La Anita"** located in Santa Clara Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Jose H. Quintanilla** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"Alaska Beer Parlour"** located in Libertad Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Fuqiu Xiao** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Ding Feng Store"** located in San Narciso Village, Corozal District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Co. Ltd.** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Sand Fly"** located on Airport Road, Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Belize Brewing Co. Ltd.** is applying for a **Malt & Cider Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Belikin Store"** located at P.G. International Airport, Ladyville Village, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Albert Cacho** is applying for a **Restaurant Liquor License** to be operated at **"Cachi's Cuisine"** located at # 4 Magazine Road, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Deannie Requena** is applying for a **Shop Liquor License** to be operated at **"Tropical Blend"** located on Fort Street, Belize City, Belize District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

Notice is hereby given that **Crisna M. Jimenez** is applying for a **Publican Special Liquor License** to be operated at **"The Chef's Patio"** located on G.P. Hwy., Santa Elena, Cayo District under the Intoxicating Liquor License Ordinance Revised Edition 1980.

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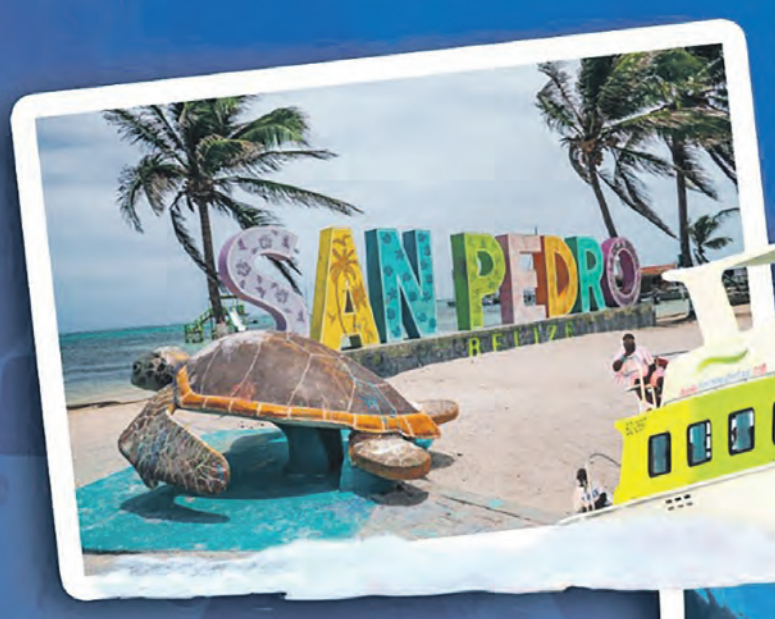

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